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REPORT —TO OUR READER-OWNERS

Don Miller's Letter

We enjoy receiving and publishing such a letter as Don Miller sent in last week which we printed under the headline, "Reader-Owner Says Labor Journal Not Quite Good Enough."

Any newspaperman who has the fever of free discussion in his blood enjoys in such a letter both the points with which he earnestly agrees, and those with which he violently disagrees.

For example, when Brother Miller tells us that we "should eliminate space-fillers like the ones . . . entitled 'Bay Area Factory Force Drops 12,000 in One Year'," we get the thrill of complete and absolute disagreement. Why any labor man should consider news about employment or unemployment a mere space-filler is quite beyond our comprehension.

But when our friendly reader-owner refers to "the excellent series of articles and editorials on the efforts to make the Board of Education, representative of all segments of the city's population," we feel an onrush of affability that is really more stimulating than a cocktail.

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Important News Left Out

One point is raised in the letter which has for many months worried us a great deal: "Often . . . items of considerable importance are left out, or are given inadequate coverage."

That is painfully true. Sometimes it is due to negligence on the part of our Editor, sometimes it is due to mechanical limitations.

On this latter alibi, consider this: In order to get the amount of type set that is needed to fill our columns, within an hour after one week's issue has gone to press, we begin setting type for the next issue. This means that we have to begin turning out material to the composing room which won't be published for a week. And by the day we go to press again, there may be much fresher and more interesting and more important material available which there just isn't time to put in type.

On a very large paper, with many linotype machines out in the composing room, the editors can hold up great batches of material almost till the last minute, and then dump it out on the battery of linotypes to have it set up in an astonishingly short time. But we're not that big.

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Unions Could Help!

However, as more of our contributors get really interested in the success of their own paper, this problem is met in part by such contributors turning in their material earlier than they used to, so we don't have to turn out during the early "dead" period so much "filler," as we call it in the trade.

Also, as more unions with hot stories on the griddle call us up and tell us the news without making us hunt all over the place for them, we can get more live news written, set up in type, and into the paper.

In this connection, since recently we apologized for a mistake about the culinary crisis that appeared three weeks running in our paper, we're not going to hesitate to call attention to a mistake the culinary union leaders made during the recent strike.

They named one man to be the sole mouthpiece of the three locals, and then that one man never once called up this paper to give us a single statement or item of news! Nor are they the first outfit that's done that to us!

In every instance, we had to run around on the phone after news of that situation with mighty little help from the locals involved. Gosh, boys, get together and try to give your own paper some news!

Incidentally, the United Employers didn't act that way. They called us up faithfully, and gave us some genuine news items, along with some nicely dressed-up propaganda for—which side? You guessed it, brother!

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Two Criticisms Answered

Two other points Brother Miller raises we have only space to discuss briefly:

1. "The Labor Journal should not try by editorials and innuendo to cast reflection on the CIO."

Answer: Show us another AFL paper whose columns are as open to news of the CIO as ours are. As for "innuendo," we go further than that in fighting the CIO group which is really the Communist In-

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NOTICE!
Clerks and Lumber Handlers, Local 939

During the past year of 1948 there passed to the great beyond three of our Brothers namely Emil Alhf James Hightower and Felix McGowan and just lately we lost Brother Harold King one of our late presidents.

May we express our sincere sympathy to the families of the above Brothers.

Also, don't forget Brothers to contribute to death benefit No. 12 as it is now due.

JOSEPH M. SOUZA,
Secretary-Treasurer

BTC Acts on Cops, Politics, VA, and Bridge

The Building Trades Council at its meeting Tuesday night discussed complaints against conduct of traffic officers, and also discussed the Oakland City Council, the struggle with Veterans Administration on GI apprentices' workweek, and the Bay bridge controversy.

The following committee was named to visit Police Chief Tracy and Traffic Captain Divine to complain about traffic officers' actions: Paul Jones, Hugh Rutledge, William Clark, Jack Reynolds, J. Johnson, and Howard Bostwick.

It was contended that traffic officers had no right to demand a man's business or occupation before issuing a citation.

Some policemen, it was felt, were definitely prejudiced against labor unions, and inclined to issue a citation if they knew a man represented a union.

One delegate brought a laugh when he remarked:

"Maybe if we're asked what our occupation is, we ought to say that we're reporters for the Oakland Tirbune—then they'd leave us alone!"

Tongue lashings by traffic officers, too many red and yellow zones in the new Labor Temple's vicinity, and slow procedure in getting towed cars released, were among the grievances cited.

LANTZ-WEAKLEY MEET

The meeting called by City Councilman Lantz and Weakley at Westlake Junior High School from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, February 13, was caustically discussed, and it was urged that as many delegates as possible attend the meeting, ask questions, and make complaints about the conduct in office of the two Councilmen.

POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Three members were appointed to fill the vacancies on the executive committee of the AFL Education League of Alameda County, political arm of the AFL here.

The three named were John Davy, William Clark, and William Breakfield.

VA DISPUTE

Delegates Childers and Mountain reported attending a meeting in San Francisco to discuss what the BTC considers an unreasonable ruling by the Veterans Administration on the amount of hours a GI apprentice must work to qualify for full subsistence pay.

Strong objections were registered, Childers said, by the AFL men against the VA policy, but VA local officials were obviously without authority to discuss any deviation from the work week order as handed down from Washington.

A GI apprentice under this ruling has his subsistence pay cut down from $90 to $67.50 if he does not meet the workweek hours as laid down by VA. The BTC contends that workweeks are set by collective bargaining, not by Government edict.

BRIDGE DISCUSSION

It was announced that 25 business agents had attended a recent conference with the Toll Bridge Authority, but that there was a feeling the Authority was simply trying to sell the twin bridge idea, and perhaps some advocate of the southern crossing should be heard.

Welfare Committee Is Set Up by CLC

The Central Labor Council has established a Welfare Committee.

It will be the duty of the Welfare Committee to examine all proposals for the collection of money in drives of any sort.

The Welfare Committee will decide whether or not any given drive for funds is worthy of being supported by organized labor.

Members of the new group are: Robert S. Ash, William P. Fee, Charles Omstead, Jack Kopke, Al Silva, Lew Blix, Ruby Hall, Laura Fontanella, A. G. Alameida.

Liberals Flock to Brandhove Support

Lawyers are piling in habeas corpus petitions on the State Supreme Court in the case of William P. Brandhove, held in the Sacramento jail on charges of contempt of the Tenney Un-American Activities Committee.

Martin J. Jarvis filed the first document with the Supreme Court. Then former Attorney General Robert W. Kenny filed one. Then Mathew Tobriner, the labor lawyer who has a branch office in the Labor Temple here.

Indications were that liberals were rallying to the support of Brandhove in an effort to get the Tenney Committee to follow methods more in line with what liberals approve.

Expert on Industrial Safety Dies in Berkeley

Carl H. Fry, 69, retired chief of the State Division of Industrial Safety, died Sunday in Berkeley.

Fry, whose home was at 2252 Derby Street, held the State safety post from 1928 to 1946. He had lived in Berkeley for 30 years.



UNION FIGHTS POLIO WITH MONEY—Charles Omstead is shown signing a check for $500 given by Food Clerks Local 870, of which he is secretary-treasurer, to the March of Dimes. Standing back of the check-signer is Fred C. Wells, treasurer of the March of Dimes.

Food Clerks 870 Give $500 to March Of Dimes; "Send in Coin Cards!" Plea

March of Dimes Release

Top honors in the labor division of the March of Dimes for infantile paralysis victims go to Retail Food Clerks Local 870, who for the second consecutive year have made a $500 treasury donation to the appeal.

The Food Clerks' check, one of the largest single donations received in the Alameda County drive, was turned over to Fred Wells, treasurer by Charles Omstead, secretary-treasurer, early this week. Harris Wilkin is president of the local.

The donation was made by a union whose members have had personal experience with polio. Several members—or members of their families—were stricken with the disease during the epidemic last year.

MEMBERS STRICKEN

Mrs. Arthur Pekruel, wife of the manager of a Safeway store at 37th and MacArthur, is reported recovering from the dread disease with the aid of the March of Dimes.

Mrs. Barbara Gleaves, 20, of Berkeley, daughter of Omstead, was stricken in December. She too is nearly recovered, and is able to care for two children, Karen, 2, and Jimmy, 9 months.

March of Dimes leaders who attended a report luncheon in Hotel Leamington last Friday heard that the drive is expected to surpass that of last year when $86,000 was raised.

$27,000 IN THEATERS

Public donations made in motion picture theaters between January 22 and 30 reached more than $27,000.

As of February 2, slightly more than $1000 had been contributed by AFL unions, it was reported at Friday's meeting.

Drive leaders reminded the public that all reserve funds of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis were exhausted by last year's polio epidemic.

SEND IN COIN CARDS!

While the drive is "over the top" in many departments, it is lagging in the return of coin cards, it is reported.

All those who received the red, white and blue folders with space for 20 dimes, a bill, check or money order, are urged to fill them and return them to campaign headquarters, Hotel Leamington, before the appeal closes February 15.



Laborers to Name President, Trustees

Laborers Local 304 at the regular meeting February 25 will nominate and elect men for the vacant offices of president and trustee, announces Secretary-Treasurer Paul Jones.

Leon Daniels, who has held various offices in the local during the past ten years, is resigning the presidency.

George Jenkins is resigning as trustee.

Thanks for Kick in the Pants, Says MOD Booster

One delegate at the Central Labor Council meeting this week, hearing of money coming in for the March of Dimes, suggested:

"We ought to send the Appeals Board which represents the Chamber of Commerce group, and which turned down the March of Dimes this year,—we ought to send the Appeals Board a letter of thanks for stirring up labor to fight with dimes for its own."

Pressmen Meet Feb. 21

C. A. Moreno, recording secretary, announces that Oakland Printing Pressmen and Assistants Local 125 holds its regular meeting Monday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m., in the Pacific building, 610 16th street, Oakland.

Carpenters Paying Increased Benefit

Local affiliates of the Carpenters and Joiners International Union recently received word from their international that death benefits for their members and wives will be increased as the result of a referendum vote recently taken, according to Walter O'Leary, Business Agent of Millmen Local 550.

The referendum carried by a vote of 4 to 1 and will double the previously existing benefits. Death benefits payable on members will be $600 except for those who were between the ages of 50 and 60 at the time of joining and their benefits will be $250. Benefits payable upon death of wives of members will be increased to $150.

Key Drivers Ankle Deep in the Mud

E. H. Henson told the Central Labor Council Monday night that at Key System Yard 4 in East Oakland the bus drivers have to walk through mud and water ankle deep in order to report in at the office, or go back to their buses.

He said that Carmen's Division 192 has offered to supply a driver for a bus to haul the drivers through the mud, so that they would not have to work with wet feet all day, but that so far there had been no results.

Henson said the membership voted Wednesday of last week, unanimously, to press the grievance strongly. He pointed out that it is dangerous for anyone to work with wet feet, during this unusually cold winter, especially.

Butchers 120 Election Returns Incumbents

Butchers Local 120 reelected Tuesday all incumbent officers: President Frank Klick, Vice-President George Bulman, Financial and Corresponding Secretary James Cantando, Treasurer and Recording Secretary Francis Roberts, Guard Allen Coe, Guide Al Texeira, and Trustees Harry Leslie, Henry Kohler, and Milton Mundt.

Labor Temple Janitor Killed in Auto Accident

Giuseppe Brezzo, who was killed recently in an automobile accident in Emeryville, had been janitor of the Labor Temple for years.

He was known by members and officers of all the unions.

Jobless Wage List up 3000 In Two Months

The number of persons receiving unemployment insurance checks has jumped from 6000 a week in December to 9000 as February opened, the Central Labor Council was told Monday night.

The figures were given by Dudley Cameron of the unemployment insurance branch of the State Employment Department offices in Oakland.

Cameron had been telling the Council of a course which his office is prepared to give to business agents, officers, and stewards in unemployment insurance and disability benefits. But after he had explained this plan, several of the delegates took the opportunity to voice complaints against the operation of unemployment insurance.

NATURE OF COMPLAINTS

The complaints were about the length of time applicants have to stand in line, lack of orderly system, and lack of courtesy in the treatment of applicants.

One delegate said that once in Baltimore it took the office he went to eight minutes to do something that seems to take eight hours here.

Cameron, although he hadn't gone to the Council to answer beefs, explained that with the great increase in applicants for unemployment insurance checks, and with the cut budget and reduced personnel for handling the work, there were undoubtedly difficulties encountered by applicants.

COURSE GIVEN IN '45

The proposed course for union officers was referred to Secretary Robert S. Ash.

Raymond L. Colliver of Office Employes 29 called the delegates' attention to the fact that such a course was given in 1945, that some 15 business agents or other union officials took it, and were greatly benefited.

The proposed course would consist of three two-hour sessions as Cameron outlined it.

State Apprentice Council Will Meet In East Bay Next

Vice-Chairman E. H. Vernon of the State Apprenticeship Council on his return home from a session of that body in San Diego announced that the next meeting will be held in Oakland April 28. Vernon is general business representative of Automotive Machinists Lodge 1546.

This will be the first time the Council has met in Oakland and all apprentices, employers and interested union officials are invited to attend the hearings on the complaints and questions filed with the Council.

Final plans for the Oakland meeting will be made at a meeting of the Northern California representatives on the Council when they hold a special meeting February 25 in San Francisco to complete all unfinished business that came before the San Diego meeting.

When the Council meets April 28 in Oakland the annual election of chairman and vice-chairman will be held.

SAN DIEGO HEARINGS

Three days of hearings by the Apprenticeship Council just completed in San Diego, said Vernon, disclosed that the apprenticeship program is progressing very well in that area. The first city of its size to do so, San Diego has adopted the apprenticeship standards set up by joint action of the crafts and employers and is cooperating 100 per cent in the program.

The hearings were open to the public, apprentices and employers and all were welcome to register complaints or ask for clarification of the law.

For one session the Council adjourned to the Lincoln School where they met with the approximately 190 carpenter apprentices in the area.

BEEFS ARE HEARD

This gave all the apprentices the benefit of hearing the discussion about their fellow workers' complaints on job rotation, instructors, the regulations which require that they regularly attend school and many individual beefs.

In reporting on the hearing, Vernon stated that he thought that this group hearing had been very successful and that the men had really gotten competent answers to their questions and left with a far better understanding of the law and the commissioners' responsibilities and limitations under the law.

54,918 REGISTERED

The statewide program is progressing also with a total registration of 54,918 apprentices under the program of December 31. Of this number 32,866 were currently active which represents a net gain of 5300 in the past three months.

New registrations amounted to 6757 but there were 865 completions and 592 cancellations in the quarter. Of these new registrants 4782 were veterans of World War II.

Rites for Judge St. Sure

Funeral services were held Monday for former Federal Judge A. F. St. Sure, who died Saturday in Berkeley at the age of 81. He was on the Federal bench for 23 years, retiring in 1947.

REGISTER TO CAST VOTE IN OAKLAND, BERKELEY!

(Editorial)

Labor people who wish to vote in the Oakland or Berkeley elections should remember that they can't vote if they aren't registered.

To vote in the Oakland April 19 nominating election, you must be registered by February 24.

To vote in the Berkeley May 3 election, you must register by March 10.

Registration for the Alameda election of March 8 has already closed.

Remember, you can register if you're a citizen and 21 years of age, if you've lived in California one year, and in the county for three months.

And you must register if you did not vote in 1948, have changed your address, or have changed your name through marriage.

Ed Clancy Backed by Both AFL Councils in Alameda Election

The Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council went on record this week in support of the candidacy of Ed A. Clancy for the office of City Councilman in the City of Alameda in the March 8 election.

Recommendation that Clancy be endorsed had been made by the AFL Political Committee, or, as it is more technically called, the Executive Committee of the Alameda County AFL Education League.

Clancy, business representative of Newspaper, Magazine and Periodical Circulators and Drivers Local 96, affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, announced that he was seeking the support of the legitimate labor movement, but wished no endorsement or support from the Independent Progressive Party element or any of their fellow travelers.

In making the endorsement of Clancy, the AFL Councils called attention to the fact that it will be necessary to give vigorous support to him, as there are seven candidates in the field for the three posts on the Alameda City Council this year, and the three incumbents are among the seven.

The three incumbents running are W. J. Branscheid, who now heads the Council as Mayor; Leland Sweeney, and Frank Osborn.

The other three running in addition to Clancy are John Peters, Fanny Lehman, and Sidney Claibourne.

The Alameda City Council has five members. The other two positions come up in 1951.

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Home Town Paper Reports Candidacy of Ed Clancy

The Alameda Times-Star carried the following in its issue of January 28:

Labor's candidate for the city council, in the person of Edwin Anthony Clancy, 54, was announced here today.

Clancy, business representative for the Newspaper and Magazine Circulators and Drivers, Local 96, Teamsters Union, was issued a petition of candidacy by City Clerk James Clark, which must be filed, complete with the signatures of his endorsers, not later than February 8.

In announcing his long-rumored candidacy, the labor official said: "I have the endorsement of both the AFL and the CIO.

"I do not seek the support, nor do we in labor want, the endorsement of the IPP," he added.

"Labor in Alameda represents a considerable portion of the population. It pays taxes and is generally active in the affairs of the community in every way except its political life. For that reason labor feels it is entitled to representation on the city council.

Clancy, a life-long resident of the bay area, is widely known in Alameda through his participation in civic life.

A resident at 2834 Johnson Ave., he is a member of the following organizations:

The executive board of the Alameda Boy Scout Council; the executive board of the Alameda Red Cross Chapter; the board of directors of the Alameda Community Chest; the Alameda Rotary Club; Rent Control Board No. 5, to which he was appointed by Gov. Earl Warren, and which has jurisdiction over rent control in Alameda, and the Oakland Eagles.

Clancy and his wife, Elsie, have a son, Edwin Jr., now living with them at their Johnson Avenue home while he completes his training as a law student in San Francisco under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

The couple also have a daughter, Mrs. Frances Catano, of Oakland, and three grandchildren.

Communications Workers, IAM, May Join the AFL

Dispatches this week from Miami, where the executive council of the AFL is meeting, stated that reaffiliation of the International Association of Machinists is being carefully considered.

The independent Communications Workers of America, the big telephone union, has applied for AFL affiliation, it was stated.

The Carpenters Union in the case of the IAM, and the Electrical Workers in the case of the CWA, have jurisdictional points raised that the executive council is considering.

Building Service Union Negotiates 12½-cent Pay Rise

Building Service Employes Local 18, which negotiates 17 contracts a year with various groups of employers, has recently signed a contract with the food markets group which brings a 12½-cent hourly increase, or $1 a day, across the board.

Men who formerly got $1.25 an hour will now get $1.37½, or $11 a day.

Window cleaners, who had been getting $13 a day, will now get $14.

Foremen, who had been getting $11, will now get $12.

Maintenance men formerly getting $10:50 a day will now get $11.50.

The old contract expired January 1. No changes are made in any provision except wages, the men continuing to work a 40-hour week in 5 consecutive days.

The union's office building contract, covering 40 buildings, expired February 1, as did the contract with the maintenance contractors, and the one with the bread bakeries expires March 21.

Negotiations are proceeding on these agreements.

Douglas Geldert, secretary and business representative of Local 18, told the Central Labor Council recently that he had encountered at the negotiation table some employers who said that United Employers had told them that $1.02 was the basic hourly rate.

"If United Employers so told any employer, they should have added that some of our people get as high as $1.37½," said Geldert, "instead of quoting only the bottom rate in one industry."

Wage Gain Won By Printing Specialties

East Bay Printing Specialties Local 382 and San Francisco Local 362 have voted to accept an offer of the box factory employers for increased wages with retroactive payment to October 1.

The offer was the last one made in a long series of negotiations. Women now getting $1.01 an hour will receive a 9-cent raise; those now getting $1.10 will receive a 6½-cent raise. Wages for the men will be increased from 10 to 20 cents, depending on classifications.

The arguments waged hottest over retroactivity, but the locals, which are affiliated with the Pressmen's Union finally scored their point on that.

"Scotty" Hewitt is business representative of the East Bay local. Assistant Central Labor Council Secretary W. P. Fee sat in on the negotiations, and Wendell Phillips acted for the San Francisco Central Labor Council.

Lumber Handlers Help Dimes March

W. W. Paterson called the Central Labor Council's attention at the meeting this week to the fact that Clerks and Lumber Handlers Local 939 had contributed $25 to the March of Dimes, but that the name of the local was not listed by The Labor Journal.

The $25 contributed is the limit allowed by the local's constitution, he said.

Paterson added that while the Clerks and Lumber Handlers are not looking for publicity, they have noted several times that although they regularly contribute to worthy causes, they have failed to get credit in supposedly official lists.

(Editor's Note: The list recently published by The Labor Journal of unions which had contributed to the March of Dimes up to that time was supplied by the March of Dimes office. Doubtless at the close of the drive a complete list will be issued by that office.)

Nothing Personal

We are indebted to our good friend Congressman George P. Miller for two copies of the inaugural and post inaugural editions of the Washington Post. Both editions give the complete story of pre-inaugural and post inaugural ceremonies and after a pretty good perusal it brings one a whole lot closer to the picture. Of great benefit for reference work is the records published of the newly elected Congressman and Senators with their backgrounds and case histories. When you look over the 4 complete pages of records of the newly elected you really begin to realize that Labor DID do an excellent job last November.

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However, it wasn't just the records that caught our eye as much as it was a "paid" ad by one of the Capitol Citys Stores that had a half page picture of the President at the top with the following message below: "The cheering in the streets today is for a man the great crowds feel is one of them . . . A Missouri farm boy . . . A combat soldier in France . . . A small merchant battling adversity . . . A county judge loved by his neighbors . . . A self effacing Vice-President.

When Destiny pointed a finger, and he found himself in the White House, He humbly said he would do his best.

Now . . . this nation . . . and the world . . . knows well his flaming courage . . . his indomitable never say die, spirit.

The resounding cheers come from the heart . . . the people know he will do his best . . . with God's help . . . to bring peace and plenty to this troubled world.

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We think that the above about sums up every good trade unionists feeling for our President. To Congressman George P. Miller our thanks.

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Every now and then the delegates to the CLC let go with all of their fury at some injustices that they feel strangely about and just a few short weeks ago they all enjoyed a gripe session about traffic tags and the traffic department. Last Monday night the local transportation system came in for a rude and general overhauling from the delegates and in each instance we find ourself in complete agreement. Some suggestions were made and some facts stated that deserve reprinting here. One delegate stated that jitney buses ought to be licensed by the city and remarked that all major cities find that jitney service does provide speedy and in most instances economical transportation.

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It was also reported that a recent survey made by one of Oaklands downtown department stores of why customers weren't trading there anymore, nearly 100% of those questioned in the survey stated that their change in shopping habits was because of the poor service given by the local transportation company plus the recent increase in fares that make it a luxury to trade in downtown Oakland.

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And along the same line it was reported to the meeting that a statement had been made by one department store owner, whether in jest or not, that the downtown store owners ought to get together, lease buses and run them free of charge for shoppers from the outlying districts. With all of the suggestions made and each delegate "letting go" we think that most, if not all of the CLC delegates are "hep" to just what is wrong with our city . . . poor transportation. This is something that affects every trade unionist in Alameda County . . . 'cause with poor transportation, industry will not settle here and workers will be driven to seek employment where they can get speedy and economical transportation which will result in lower payrolls, less money, no construction . . . and no place to work. We trust that the Oakland City Council . . . The Key System and the Chamber of Commerce will take note.

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Oakland however is not the only city on the Pacific Coast where such poor transportation exists according to Jack Kopke, International Representative of the Painters. Jack has just returned from a visit to a Pacific Northwest city where he was on business for his international. Jack cited, for the benefit of the delegates the troubles that beset him when he tried to travel by public transportation and how he arrived at his destination, (a few short miles) weary and darned near soaked to the skin. Jack has a certain home town pride and refused to state that Oakland's transportation was poorer, but at least it held its own with lousy transportation systems.

Tom F. Burke of Mailer Local 18 Dies

Requiem high mass was sung Monday at Star of the Sea church, San Francisco, for Thomas F. Burke, who died February 2 at Printers Home, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Burke was a charter member of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers Local 18, said Secretary Duncan Ross, and served as its first president in 1901.

"Mailers Local 18," said Ross, "extends the deepest sympathy to the children and surviving relatives of our departed brother."

To Vote In Oakland Election. Register Before Feb. 24; Berkeley, March 10

Inside News of A. F. L. Labor Unions and Auxiliary Organizations

OFFICE NOTES, LOCAL 29

The office employes at Brent's Jewelers in Richmond have signed up with Local 29 and application has been filed for an election to qualify us as their collective bargaining agent according to Organizer Roy Phalen.

Not only all Shop Stewards, but all interested members as well are urged to attend the next meeting of the Shop Stewards' Council. Arrangements have been made for Mr. Dudley Cameron of the California Department of Employment to appear before the group to discuss Unemployment Insurance and Sick and Disability benefits available under the Social Security Act in a non-technical manner. Information such as will be discussed was recently used when your union won an appeal on a decision of the local Unemployment Insurance office and netted our member 5 weeks back insurance. The meeting will be held in the downstairs banquet hall at 1918 Grove Street on Wednesday, February 16th, at 7:30 p.m. Don't leave it up to someone else—be sure to attend!

It has just been reported that on January 16th Sister Lucille Schreier who works in the Golden State office was married to Charles D. Coleman. The groom is employed by the railroad that uses the advertising theme of "Take the Train and Relax" but they didn't do that until their honeymoon trip to Southern California was interrupted by motor trouble near Fresno and they were forced to leave the car for repairs and proceed by train. Best of luck through the years in spite of this initial "bad break."

Three employes at Golden State are also reported on the sick list. They are Sisters Harriette Cavagna, Marie Fraga and Edith Walsh. We hope they have a speedy recovery and get back on the job real soon.

We had really expected to be able to report a few broken bones, sore spots, etc. as a result of the scheduled Snow Excursion down at Smith's this week. The weatherman furnished too much snow however, and the trip had to be postponed.

DRESSING ROOM CHATTER

(Theatrical Employes B-82)

We begin our "Chatter" in a subdued air of sadness, as we pause to honor the memory of Sister Ann Gulbranson, who died last week, and in so doing send deepest condolences to her family in their hour of bereavement.

The story of the unfortunate accident has been thoroughly told in the daily press.

Although we begin in sadness, as we pause in retrospect we can not help but feel that there is truly a divinity that shapes our ends, and that many members of the theatrical employes union who crossed the path of Peggy are better off because of the acquaintanceship, regardless of how brief it may have been.

Peggy worked for a short time at the United Artists and Campus Theatres in Berkeley, before starting at the Esquire in Oakland in June, 1946. She originally worked as an usherette and eventually became a candy counter attendant. She quickly established herself as an asset to her employer and a credit to herself and to the union to which she belonged. In short she endeared herself to everyone with whom she came in contact.

This writer was making a routine visit at the Esquire at the time that the police department called to verify her address. The effect upon the members of the door staff is difficult to describe, other than to say that aside from their incredulity, when the sudden realization of the full import of the information penetrated the atmosphere you realized that the "brothers" on duty had really lost a "sister" in the true sense of the word, not just another fellow employe.

Perhaps it was our imagination, I'm not so sure, but as we cast our gaze upward on our way home we thought we caught sight of a new star in heaven.

Up and down the aisle . . . In memory of Peggy we are going to omit this portion of the column except to remind you that the Death Benefit assessment is now due and payable and that the next regular union meeting will be held next Thursday evening, February 17 at 11:30 p.m.

STEAMFITTERS' NOTES, No. 342

By LOU KOVACEVICH

We are in the midst of one of the worst periods of unemployment experienced by our Local Union for quite a number of years. A demand for skilled mechanics has fallen off alarmingly in the past month. A survey made by the writer last November showed that many contemplated projects would supply full employment for our members. However these contemplated projects failed to materialize due to unknown reasons. Can it be that big business is creating a depression to stifle any fourth-round wage demands?

Or can it be that big business is waiting to see what Congress will do to the Taft-Hartley Act and the excess profits tax? We do have more members working now than we did last year at this time, but we have to take into consideration that fact that we have had an increase of over five hundred members in the past year. It would be wise for those brothers who are unemployed to apply for their unemployment benefits as one can never tell how much longer this slump will last.

We would like to bring to the members' attention that each member must have his quarterly State Building Trades Card. As you know, the Local Union voted to affiliate with the State Building Trades and pay ten cents per month per capita for the entire membership. The cost of the quarterly card will be thirty cents, which will pay our State Building Trades per capita tax. The State Building Trades under the new leadership of Frank Lawrence will grow and prosper until it becomes the greatest State Building Trades in the United States, second to none. Our Local Union will do all within its power to help bring this about.

Attendance at meetings has shown a decided increase these past few months so let's all be there at our next meeting which will be held February 17, at 8:00 P.M.

'WATCH IT' WITH WATCHMAKERS

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

It was just about two months ago that I reported that the Apprenticeship Training Committee had taken up with Congressman Franck Havenner, the question of the apprentices tools being received from the Veterans Administration.

I am happy to report that we have not only received the complete cooperation of Congressman Havenner, but also all of the Congressmen in the Bay area.

The outcome of the Committee's action, was the holding of a meeting with the Veterans Administration Friday, February 4. Even though we were unable, at this time, to obtain the Veterans Administrations approval for the employer to become the vendor for the G. I. Apprentices tools, the Veteran's officials did admit there was a problem involved and agreed to take it under advisement and arrange for another meeting at a later date, in an attempt to work out a solution to the problem.

We were successful in getting the Veterans Administration to agree that any G. I. Apprentice who is in the process of receiving his tools, may return the following tools for exchange: Bench Vise, Watch Screwdrivers, Alcohol Lamp, Poising Tool, Calipers, Tweezers.

The employer or trainer of the G. I. Apprentice must place in writing the fact that the above mentioned tools are not usable. The tools may be returned prior to February 15th to:

The Veterans Administration
Room 203—49 - 4th Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

Note: Ask for the Supply Officer's Secretary.

The Joint Apprenticeship Committee is meeting with Mr. West, the Watchmakers' instructor at Samuel Gompers School, within the next week or two, to discuss the type of work and studies being presented to the Apprentices attending the night classes. Following this meeting with Mr. West, the Apprenticeship Committee will call a general meeting of all Apprentices.

As a final note to the Apprentices, I would like to inform them, that the Apprenticeship Committee is receiving too many complaints from the school authorities, regarding lack of attendance at Apprenticeship classes. I sincerely hope that the Committee does not find it necessary to remove those Apprentices not attending school and replace them with Apprentices who are willing to attend.

All Apprentices were given complete information as to what would be required of them during their four year training period. The excuses for non-attendance being received from the Apprentices, are all unsound and unreasonable in view of the understanding reached prior to the Apprentice starting his training.

This is all I am going to say on the subject of Apprentices at this time, except to WARN you that from here on out, YOUR job is in YOUR OWN HANDS.

We have entirely too many Apprentices and Journeymen looking for work to put up with the problems some of the Apprentices are creating for us.

STROKES FROM THE BRUSH OF LOCAL 127

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

The following brothers on the sick list at the present time: Frank Bonner, F. F. Carey, Robert Coursey, Walter Cavanaugh, Walter Davisson, Carl Forsberg, E. H. Fullmer, Oren Ferguson, Emil Falk, J. L. Hoffman, Virgil Johnson, Fred Leithoff, J. E. Marrah, C. R. Mansir, Everett McCarn, J. C. McAdams, R. L. Smith, Ray Shearer, and C. B. Taylor.

The pictures taken of the old timers at our recent entertainment are now in the office, and orders are being taken for future delivery. The small size approximately 8 inches by 10 inches are 77c each and the larger are $1.29. You may secure one of the pictures by coming into the office and making a payment but this must be done before this coming Monday. For those who have already ordered the pictures will be available a week from this Saturday.

Your scribe has just returned from the joint meeting of the State Contractors Association and the executive board of the California State Conference of Painters. In regards to unemployment this prevails throughout the entire State with some districts having more than others! It seems as though the worst place is in the Los Angeles area where unemployment runs as high as 20% of the membership. The bright spot of the state, if there is such a thing, is the Bay Area where unemployment is running approximately 5% of the membership.

The highlight of the convention was the State apprenticeship panel contest which created much interest and some beautiful examples of the painting industry were on display.

The Santa Barbara apprenticeship committee won the grand award by taking 3 first places. Of the twenty winning panels which were sent on to the national contest in New York Alameda took one first place and that was for the graining panel done by John Stanley.

This panel was submitted for display only, but the State judges felt it was of such beautiful workmanship that they selected it to be sent on to the National contest. The national contest will be held February 15 at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York city.

The committee from both groups working on the State-wide agreement reported excellent progress with this document which undoubtedly will be concluded at the meeting of the State Conference to be held in April in San Diego. More joint committees have been set up throughout the state until at last nearly every local union is working under an agreement with the employers. Negotiations are under way in many districts for renewal of agreements and in these districts a small increase in wages is being asked.

However it was the consensus of the labor representatives present that increases were going to be hard to get in any appreciable amount. The meeting was very successful in bringing both parties to a closer understanding.

The next meeting of the local will be held Thursday February 24 and again we remind the brothers to ask for the card.

PRINTERS' AUXILIARY No. 26

The business meeting of W. A. No. 26, held at Mrs. Bean's, on Februaly 3, was well attended; it was a glad surprise. Eighteen members were present and the oath of office was taken by a new member, Mrs. Silvey. We are happy to welcome Mrs. Silvey and know she will be a good, sincere member.

Nomination for the year beginning March 16 follows:

President, Mrs. Frank Fee; vice-president, Mrs. Harold Farley; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Don Tucker; chaplain, Mrs. George Stiffler; guide, Mrs. Maude Hickox; press correspondent, Mrs. M. A. Patterson.

Executive board—Mrs. A. G. Harris, Mrs. Louis Small, Mrs. Winifred Weeks, Mrs. John Wolters.

During the very enthusiastic meeting, many matters were discussed, principally plans for raising funds for the entertainment of delegates to the W.I.A. convention in August. Our committee will attend a meeting of the San Francisco Auxiliary shortly and solicit their aid in this important matter.

Social day on February 17 will be held at Mrs. Fee's home at 12 sharp. Guests will be welcome. Owing to Mrs. Cushing not being so well, Mrs. Fee has offered to entertain in her place. Committee for the day will be Mrs. Hickox and Mrs. Seward as well as Mrs. Fee. Do make every effort to attend.

If you have any good ideas for our programs in 1949, please jot them down, mention them on February 17 and also at our business meeting March 3. Business meeting will be held at Mrs. Farley's home in Albany. Directions will be given you in the next write-up. Mrs. Farley is a transfer member from Salt Lake City so let's have a good, brisk meeting.

This meeting will be just previous to our Charter Day on Wednesday, March 16, which takes place at Mrs. Small's home. At this time we elect and install our officers for the coming year. It is our special day, so please note the date now and attend.

Everywhere we either hear on the radio or read of layoffs. What is in the offing we don't know, but now, more than before, remember and ask for the union label.

MABEL A. PATTERSON,
Press Correspondent.

CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY No. 160

Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary No. 160 will hold their regular social meeting February 11. As this is the first meeting for the new committee why not have a good attendance and help them in their efforts to entertain the members?

February 1 a bingo party was held at the home of President Jean Kinney. A very nice group of ladies attended and all enjoyed a wonderful afternoon. Delicious home made cookies were served with the coffee and all did justice to both. Nice prizes helped to make all present happy. Altogether it was a very successful party. Jean is a grand hostess. More of these parties will come later.

Late in March or early in April we will have a whist party. Watch for date.

Past Presidents Club will have their yearly dinner on February 16 at Murphee's on Franklin St. between 14th and 15th, 6:30 p.m. Contact Erna Jenkins for further information.

Remember the meeting on February 18. If you have anything to present to the State Council in the form of a resolution come to this meeting and give your thought to the committee to take to the convention in March. All of these matters will be brought up at our next regular meeting to be ratified by the Auxiliary as a whole. If you do not have anything to present it will not be necessary for you to attend this meeting, but come if you wish.

Our pianist, Ida Leroy, who has been visiting in the south, is home and glad to be there. Ida enjoyed her visit with her daughter very much, but as she says, there is no place like home. We all agree and we are glad to welcome Ida home. Ida entertained her daughter from Ukiah over the week end.

Bert Shumake is still improving and as I do not have any report of any sickness I am presuming that all our members are well.

Do not forget that, even if Bro. Lindholm is away from us, he is still very much interested in what we are all doing. He has always been a very good friend of our Auxiliary. Why not send him a card once in awhile to let him know we are thinking of him? Bro. Lindholm's address can be taken from Bro. Bartalini's records if you wish to have it.

Remember always to BUY UNION FROM UNION STORE CLERKS.

MAE A. BRISTOW,
Press Correspondent

Nameplate of This Paper Reproduced by Musicians

Al Morris, secretary of Musicians Local 6, has received a copy of Allegro, official journal of New York Local 802, American Federation of Musicians, which reproduces the nameplate of The East Bay Labor Journal.

Allegro does this on a page which reproduces the nameplates of several labor papers which published the AFM press release on the attempt made by the Metropolitan Opera Co. management to beat down the union by threatening to shut down opera.

Reproductions of the headlines and first paragraphs are given on the page as well.

Alameda County Cited as Possible Pattern for Reds' Jobless Agitation

In last week's issue The Labor Journal called attention to the campaign made by the Communists and fellow travelers to exploit unemployment in Alameda county and elsewhere. Illustrative of this is the following from the People's World, appearing in the Communist paper recently under an Oakland dateline:

A permanent organization of unemployed CIO members was launched here today to fight for jobs.

Meeting in the CIO bldg. this morning, nearly 200 unemployed union members adopted a program of action to meet the growing jobless situation in Alameda county. Seventeen of them volunteered to serve on a planning committee. Regular meetings twice monthly were voted.

Sounding the keynote of the meeting was CIO Warehousemen's Local 6 President Paul Heide who declared, "there is no planning under this system. The employers control production. They have all-time high profits. Their markets are being reduced because of the inability of working people to buy back the things they produce. To keep the margin of profit up they use speed-up and layoffs."

The movement launched this morning represented the first effort to organize the unemployed since pre-World War II days, and it was believed the Alameda action might set a pattern for other areas in the state.

Heide called for intensified political action directed toward Washington and Sacramento to win a "genuine public works program."

Heide's recommendation for pressure on the national CIO leadership to "formulate a legislative program to meet the unemployed situation" was adopted.

"The CIO leadership has ignored the situation," Heide declared.

"You don't have unemployment," Charles Duarte, Local 6 business agent, said, "you have an employer's strike against the workers, trying to keep their prices high."

Riesel Claims AFL Plan Is "Biggest Political Story of the Year"

Victor Riesel in his labor commentary column published by the Richmond Independent and Oakland Tribune wrote from Miami, where the AFL high command was meeting:

There is no doubt about it. The biggest political story of the year is hidden in a confidential report handed here to the 30 men who direct the AFL's political league. They met in this sunny resort city with the AFL's high command. Some airplaned in and out of Miami just to discuss the report.

The report frankly says that it is a blueprint for political power to "enable the National Labor League office on a moment's notice to start a full scale pressure campaign in any congressional district in the U. S., utilizing mailing lists, radio, daily press and labor press of that particular district, plus the full facilities of all AFL affiliates and Labor's League for Political Education organizations within the congressional district." This pressure campaign will be thrown into gear wherever the AFL finds its opponents in power.

The report reveals that nothing has been left to political chance.

It has all been blueprinted and put in special political strategy kits to be dispatched to "every state, city and congressional district in the U. S.,

These political strategy kits will be used not only to elect friendly congressmen. But friendly county and state district attorneys and police officers as well.

These blueprints tell regional AFL district captains and organizers where every local radio station, labor paper and labor publication is located.

It's all on special maps of the cities, counties and congressional districts so the local men will know immediately where to go to put pressure. Also included is detailed information on health, education, housing and social security. Also location of every AFL union headquarters—in the event campaign manpower is needed.

LADIES GARMENT WORKERS- AFL has opened the first FM radio station in Chattanooga.—(LPA)

POLITICAL CALENDAR

For 1949 Municipal Elections

ALAMEDA
Election March 8
(Registration closed)
3 Councilmen
City Auditor
City Treasurer

OAKLAND
Nominating Election April 19
(Registration closes February 24)
General Election 4th Tuesday after Nominating Election
4 Councilmen
City Auditor
4 Members Board of Education

BERKELEY
Election May 3
(Registration closes March 10)
4 Councilmen
2 School Directors

Note: The following cities hold their next elections in April, 1950: Albany, Emeryville, Hayward, Piedmont, San Leandro.

Much News of Many People!

14,000,000 CALIFORNIANS by 1960, is estimate made by William A. Spurr, Stanford statistician. He figures that Alameda county, now estimated to have 770,000, will by 1960 have 1,005,000.

BAY BRIDGE DECISION will be made "in a short time," says Governor Warren, arguing there is no need for another Federal-State commission to pass on whether it should be a twin bridge or a southern crossing.

MILLER, HAVENNER, WELCH, Bay Area Congressmen, have introduced resolution in Congress asking that twin bridge be banned "in the interests of national defense and public safety."

35-HOUR WEEK proposed by AFL California Metal Trades Assn. as a remedy for shortened work in shipyards and elsewhere.

NO PHONE RATE BOOST until opponents get their points into the record of the State Public Utilities Commission, was argument advanced at the recent hearing. Company wants permanent increase of $33,655,000 in the State, but asks an interim boost while the Commission is thinking that over.

SELF-SERVICE GAS stations banned in S. F. by ordinance.

MARINE FIREMEN, independent, dedicated last Friday new $300,000 hiring hall and office building, Broadway and Battery, S. F.

ANTI-UNION AGREEMENT of S. F. Cab Owners Assn. not to sign contract with striking AFL Chauffeurs 265, should be dissolved as against public policy, says Eagle Taxi Co. in Superior Court suit. Eagle originally signed the Owners Assn. agreement, later signed with the union.

KEY SYSTEM has been cleared by State Public Utilities Commission of charges of inefficiency brought by the Bay Area Transportation League, which had filed 21 charges.

$50,000,000 EBMUD CONSTRUCTION program during the coming 10 years was mentioned by John S. Longwell, chief engineer for the district, at the recent hearing on potential water shortages held by Senator Downey at Richmond.

NO HARRY BRIDGES as a speaker, was the ruling of the CIO American Radio Union convention in S. F. The convention went on record against "disruptive elements."

60,865 NEW HOMES needed in Oakland if temporary housing is eliminated, says Oakland Housing Authority.

BARTLEY CRUM, who was publisher of the New York Star until that daily closed down recently throwing 400 out of work, will remain in New York and practice law. He was a resident of the Bay Area until a few months ago, and represented several labor unions. The Star folded when Marshall Field decided he couldn't hold the bag any more, says report. It was the former PM.

2520 LAID OFF by S. P. over whole system during the cold wave, due to decline in business, about 50 of them in the Oakland shops.

$799,850 FOR PENSIONS and blind aid during February comes to Alameda county, says State Controller Kuchel. New budgets held up, though, during debate with Federal Govt. over Proposition 4's clauses.

SOIL OF CALIFORNIA has only been tilled a comparatively short time, but 50 percent is already under moderate erosion and 39 percent under slight erosion, Rural Life Conference at Berkeley was told by experts.

ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION intervened in hearing on PG&E plans for piping more natural gas to California, on ground that a 25-year supply for atomic experimentation must be kept in the Southwest. PG&E says cold wave showed how much we need more natural gas here.

MARGARET BONFIELD, famous British trade union leader, now over 70, Minister of Labor during the Ramsay MacDonald regime, has been visiting and speaking in the Bay Area.

MACHINISTS LODGE 1327 is mourning the death of the recording secretary, Jessie L. Wilson, who passed away in San Francisco February 3.

Men Laid Off, Wives Are Looking for Work

Because male wage earners are being laid off from jobs, wives once more are increasing the lists of applicants for work at the Berkeley office of the State Employment Service.

Reporting a 47 percent increase in women applicants for January over the month of December, Mrs. Marjorie Walker, manager of the Berkeley office, declared, also, that women who had remained at home after filling wartime jobs are seeking work to augment dwindling family income.

Fate of "This Pegler of Society Column" Told

The Oakland Observer reports that the S. F. Examiner columnist who was denounced in the magazine called Hollywood Nite Life, had a $200 per week contract with the Examiner.

As a result of the expose, says the Observer editor, the contract, with two more years to run, has been bought up and the columnist, "this Pegler of the society columns," has been removed from the staff.

The Observer says that the ex-columnist has "rented a house in Carmel."

Petrillo Chairing AFM Conclave in S. F. in June

The American Federation of Musicians will hold its annual convention in the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco the week of June 6.

The AFM met in the Bay Area once before, in 1915, but this is the first time it has met in this area since James Caesar Petrillo became international president, says Al Morris of Musicians Local 6.

S. F. Landlords Ban East Bay Tax Strike Scheme

San Francisco apartment house owners have voted against following the lead of the East Bay group of landlords who recently discussed a "tax strike" as one possible means of protesting against the continuance of rent control.

San Francisco landlords meeting in two separate associations, refused to consider tax strikes, evictions, or any other "drastic measure."

Work in Cannery Is Now Highly Skilled Craft

Rena Brewster, head of the State Division of Industrial Welfare, says in her last report:

"Today's cannery worker is no longer an itinerant seeking occasional employment at 25 cents an hour. Instead industry in general recognizes her as a highly skilled craftsman, deserving of the finest working conditions and a substantial living wage."

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—AND—
"I SURRENDER DEAR"
GLORIA JEAN
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CORNEL WILDE - PATRICIA KNIGHT
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The Effort to Smear Havenner

S. F. Congressman Tells House How 1949 Attempt Was Preceded by Similar Scheme in 1944; Urges Steps Be Taken to Prevent Slandering of Others

In last week's issue The Labor Journal printed part of Congressman Havenner's statement to the House of Representatives on attempts made to smear him during the last election campaign by insinuating that he was a Communist. After telling that part of the story, he turned back to the story of the testimony taken secretly against him by the old Dies committee—testimony the House committee on unAmerican Activities expunged from its record, by unanimous vote, during the closing days of the 80th Congress. He continued:

"It is an interesting and significant fact that the campaign manager for my opponent in the congressional campaign of 1950, when the perjured testimony against me was taken without my knowledge at a secret meeting of a subcommittee of the old Dies committee, down in Beaumont, Tex., was the self-same Don Nicholson, who managed the campaign of my Republican opponent for Congress last year.

'44 CAMPAIGN MANAGER

"Nicholson also managed the campaign of my Republican opponent in 1944, when the perjured testimony taken by the Dies subcommittee in 1940 was mysteriously made public for the first time in newspaper advertisements published in San Francisco just before the election of 1944. Prior to that time I had no knowledge that any such testimony had ever been given concerning me, but obviously my opponent's campaign advisers knew all about it and were able to procure its release from the secret files of the Dies committee for use in political advertisements. Now Mr. Nicholson is accused by the witness, William Patrick Brandhove, of having offered him financial inducements to give smearing testimony against me before the Kersten labor subcommittee last October."

Rep. Havenner described the indignation with which the House greeted the story he told them four years ago of the 1944 campaign.

"Now I submit," he said, "that the facts I have presented here today show I have again been made the target of a political smear attack through the medium of a congressional subcommittee. . . . So it becomes apparent that there must be among my political enemies in California and elsewhere certain individuals who have repeatedly conspired to have false and defamatory testimony given before congressional subcommittees concerning a member of Congress—in this instance, myself.

'WORTHY OF INQUIRY'

"The following matters would appear to be worthy of investigation:

"1. The former investigator for the Dies committee, James H. Stedman was, according to Mr. Stripling, the clerk of the Dies committee, responsible for bringing the witness who gave the perjured testimony against me to the secret meeting of the Dies subcommittee in Beaumont, Tex., in 1940. After Investigator Stedman left the Dies committee he was employed by the Honolulu Oil Co. of which Albert C. Mattei is president.

"Albert C. Mattei was head of the finance committee for my opponent for Congress in 1940. . . . Mattei was then and has ever since been closely associated in politics with Don Nicholson, who was campaign manager for my opponent in 1940. Mattei has been the chief financial backer and Nicholson the campaign manager for all of my Republican opponents for Congress in recent years.

'PROMISED TO PAY'

"2. The sworn statement by William Patrick Brandhove that Don Nicholson promised to pay him $1000 if he would tag me as a red during the recent congressional campaign, and that Nicholson repeatedly told him that a hearing of the Kersten subcommittee would provide the opportunity to do this.

"3. The presence of Howard Rushmore, an employe of the Hearst newspapers, at the conference which Brandhove and other prospective witnesses had with Chairman Kersten and others on the evening before the congressional subcommittee hearing was held in San Francisco. At about this time, and on numerous occasions during my campaign for reelection to Congress last year, the San Francisco Examiner, a Hearst newspaper, published various editorial attacks upon me, one of which contained the following statement: 'A vote for Havenner is a vote for Bridges and the Kremlin.' It was not until after the election that the Examiner published a front-page retraction of this editorial.

"It may have been only a coincidence, but certainly a very peculiar one, that the first knowledge I ever had of the perjured testimony which was given against me at the secret Dies subcommittee hearing held in Beaumont in 1940 was received when I read a political advertisement, containing excerpts from that perjured testimony, in the San Francisco Examiner during the latter part of October, 1944, just prior to the congressional elections of that year.

"The law enforcement agencies in various parts of this nation have been extremely vigilant in recent years to protect the integrity of basketball, football and baseball games, boxing bouts and other sporting events against corruption by gambling interests. Heavy penalties have been imposed upon individuals who offered bribes to players who participated in those games. It would seem that the integrity of congressional procedure ought to be just as important to the American people as the integrity of professional sporting events, and that an offer of a bribe to a witness to give defamatory testimony before a committee of Congress should rank, in the eyes of the law, as of at least equal importance with the attempt to corrupt a professional athletic."

'COWARDLY SMEAR'

"I have not occupied the time of the House for the purpose of seeking personal vindication through any action that this body might see fit to take. The voters of my district have demonstrated their contempt for the cowardly smear attacks that have been made upon me. . . .

"But the record makes it apparent that there has been a continuing conspiracy among my political enemies to corrupt the integrity of congressional committees through the use of bribery and perjury. The attacks which have been made upon me by these vile methods, which were designed to besmirch my name, to destroy my reputation and to bring humiliation and shame among my loved ones could have been made upon any other elective public official.

'IT MIGHT HAPPEN TO YOU'

"What has happened to me might happen to any one of you, if you had the misfortune to incur the political enmity of individuals so devoid of human honor and decency as the authors of these foul attacks.

"I am not a revengeful person. While I abhor the conduct of these conspirators, I might be content to leave them alone with their guilty consciences but for the fact that over a period of nearly a decade these same persons have repeatedly plotted to undermine and break down a thing which ought to be sacred and inviolate—the integrity of the Congress of the United States.

'MEASURE OF CONTEMPT'

"Men have been imprisoned for contempt of Congress because they refused to answer questions put to them in committee hearings. Surely the measure of contempt is vastly greater when men bribe witnesses to give false, slanderous and perjured testimony before congressional committees."

Shelley Warns on Misuse Of Strike Sanctions

Labor Review

Secretary John F. Shelley warned delegates from local unions that the S. F. Central Labor Council is not going to be made use of for strike sanction unless the union requesting such action intends to back up its demands.

At the last meeting of the council, Shelley said that in some cases unions have asked for strike sanction and after receiving it have not put out any pickets or done anything about it.

LABOR INSISTENCE that at least 50% of Marshall Plan cargo be shipped in American bottoms seemed destined to succeed last week as ECA Administrator Paul Hoffman appeared before the House Merchant Marine Committee.—LPA

AFL Teachers Open News Service for Organizing Drive

Ed M. Ross, president of the California State Federation of Teachers as well as of Teachers Local 771 in the East Bay, has sent the following letter to editors of labor papers throughout the State:

As part of our campaign to organize the public school teachers into the American Federation of Teachers and the American Federation of Labor we are planning to send news releases to all labor papers in the state in order that the labor movement may better understand the union teacher movement and the educational problems which face community, state and nation.

As you may have read in a recent News Letter of the California State Federation of Labor, the Executive Council has announced its wholehearted support of the program to organize locals of the State Federation of Teachers throughout the cities of California. In order to effectively accomplish this objective the labor movement in these communities must be made actively aware of the importance of aiding in every way possible this endeavor. It will be the purpose of the news releases which will be sent you to alert the labor readers of your papers to our program so that our organizing attempts in your area may be made as successful as possible. We would, therefore, appreciate your cooperation in presenting these releases to your readers in as prominent a column as possible.

Brother Fred Clayson, a member of our Salinas local, will act as editor of this material. His address is 70 Robley Road, Corral De Tierra, Salinas, California.

The importance of counteracting anti-labor sentiment in our schools and among our educators cannot be overestimated. Organization of the teaching personnel into the labor movement can best serve this purpose. This will not be an easy job. However, the State Federation of Teachers, with the cooperation of the labor movement in every community, must begin this belated task. Let us see the program through together.

Fraternally yours,
ED M. ROSS

Nine Apprentices Are Certified for Inside Wire Work

Joint Apprenticeship Committee

Nine Electrical Inside Wiring apprentices were certified as journeymen in the trade and have joined the ranks of their fellow craftsmen as skilled workers.

Apprentices certified were R. F. Kelly, Joe Daigre, W. Gustafson, William Waitlow, Robert Weis, Robert Hill, R. E. Hildebrand, R. Show, and Abraham Kools.

Approval for journeymen rating came at a meeting of the Electrical Inside Wiring Joint Apprenticeship Committee which held its regular meeting at the Laney Trade and Technical Institute.

STANDARD PAY SOON

The nine new journeymen received their technical training at the Laney Trade and Technical Institute simultaneously with their on-the-job training in the field.

On the basis of committee approval, a request for trade certificates was made to the California Division of Apprenticeship Standards in order that the new journeymen may immediately begin to receive the standard rate of pay.

MASS GRADUATION

The certificates will be issued to the new journeymen at a mass graduation of apprentices of all crafts, scheduled to be held at the Oakland Civic Auditorium in May.

Walter Vance, chairman of the committee, emphasized that:

"The purpose of the apprenticeship training program is to train craftsmen in the manipulation and skills necessary to the trade and to provide the technical knowledge essential to successful practice in the trade."

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members of the Joint Aprenticeship Committee include Chairman Vance, Dan Bronson, and Walter Smithen. The three represent the National Electrical Contractors Association.

The Electrical Brotherhood is represented on the committee by J. H. Kurt, Secretary; Fred Hammer; and Homer Wilson.

The Oakland Public Schools are represented by Loren Stevens, Coordinator of Apprentice Training.

Ralph W. Dallman represents the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship.

Tribune ITU Chapel in Farewell Dinner to Chas. E. Cole, Retiring

The International Typographical Union chapel at the Oakland Tribune gave a farewell dinner Sunday to Charles E. Cole, who is retiring after 27 years of work in the composing room. The affair was at Hambone Kelly's in El Cerrito.

Some 160 employes of the composing room, sports department, and business office were present. Cole is especially well known to the sports department as for years he made up the sports pages.

GIFTS PRESENTED

The sports department presented Cole with a complete fishing outfit, and the ITU chapel gave him a home electric saw. He is retiring to a little ranch near Healdsburg, where he will fish and will use the saw for home carpentry work.

Charles Bramhall, mechanical superintendent, was master of ceremonies.

Among those present were Joseph R. Knowland, publisher, and Mrs. Knowland; Russ Knowland, assistant publisher; Harold Fosterer, officer of the corporation, and Mrs. Fosterer; Walter Brown promotion manager; and Alan Ward, sports editor.

ALAN WARD'S TRIBUTE

Ward wrote about Cole's retirement in his column, and said in part:

"To the sports public the name Charlie Cole has an unfamiliar sound.

"To members of The Tribune sports department it was and is familiar. And important.

"For years Charlie Cole, a compositor of the old school, put together the sports pages. For years practical, efficient C. Cole fought with, toiled with and aided the sports department.

"Cole retired the other day. He had worked long and well and he has earned the right to follow, without thought of time clocks or 40-hour weeks, his hobby, fishing. He had moved to Healdsburg, close to the Russian River, where life from now on should flow as gently as the river itself."

RETIRED MEMBERS

Other retired members of the Tribune chapel are:

Charles H. Boek, A. G. Bowen, C. H. Branham, Jack Christensen, J. W. Crawley, W. G. Hittle, F. E. Jenks, Enga Inez Jorgensen, F. J. Lessard, G. L. Stiffler, G. A. Thomas.

Report To Reader Owners

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ternational Organization rather than the Congress of Industrial Organizations. There's no innuendo about it—we're right out in the open after 'em as is the legitimate CIO itself.

2. "Criticism of leaders in the labor movement, especially local leaders, is conspicuous by its absence."

Answer: Fact is, many labor leaders, and some of them rather heatedly, too, have remarked on the fact that we do much more of this sort of thing than most AFL papers do. Then, too, the mere fact that our paper isn't just a sheet devoted to the task of boosting some one labor leader is something, believe us! Did Brother Miller ever read Dave Beck's paper, the Washington Teamsters, and see the enthusiastic accounts (illustrated!) of Dave Beck in it? Did he ever read the Los Angeles AFL paper, the Citizen, and see four pictures in one issue, two on page one, of CLC Secretary W. J. Bassett down there. (L. A. Citizen of December 24, 1948). Did he ever read John L. Lewis' paper, the Mine Worker, and see a poem in it praising John L. Lewis, written by "one who prefers to remain anonymous"?

Our little sheet may not always boot bigwigs as hard as they deserve, but at least we're not a bootkisser.

Negro Vote Crucial in S. F. in Future, Claim

The People's World says that a survey has been made which shows that "the Negro vote will determine the results in close San Francisco elections of the future. A Negro could unseat the Republican Assemblyman Thomas A. Maloney in the sprawling, working class 20th Assembly District."

The survey cited by the Communist paper was made by Harold J. Dunleavy, cited as "a statistical expert," for the Fillmore Democratic Club.

Stock Beefs Against Community Chest And Refutations of Them

By LEW C. BLIX, Chest Labor Liaison Officer

BEEF No. 1: ADMINISTRATION OVERHEAD

One of the most common of the standard "stock beefs" against the Community Chest in this, or any other county, is against administration overhead. During my direct or indirect connections with the War Chest or Community Chest in the past 6 or 7 years, I have heard this beef a thousand or more times.

It isn't restricted to Alameda County. I have heard it in Montana, Utah, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and in a dozen or more other States. When I was regional director of the Labor League for Human Rights, I made it my first order of business when entering a new community, to secure, among other statistics, the percentage spent for administration overhead, as compared to the established annual goal.

I did this to fortify myself in answering this "Stock Beef" which was certain to arise during some of my visits to labor unions in metropolitan or outlying communities.

It isn't restricted to local union meetings either. I have heard it on the street corners prior to and during campaigns; on the trains; in restaurants and cafes; hotel lobbies and clubs; in fact anywhere and everywhere the War Chest or Community Chest became a topic of conversation.

FIGURES STOP ARGUMENT

My little black book became considerably more thumbworn than any other single piece of literature or information in my entire briefcase. Whenever an argument began on this particular subject, I would pull out this book, inject myself into the conversation and ask, "Which particular town or city are you talking about?" Being given the answer, I would then turn to that certain city in my book and quote the true figures.

That procedure stopped many red hot arguments. It probably didn't enhance my popularity, but it nailed down the argument which so many people were trying to spread against the Chests. I think it would be perfectly safe to say that 999 would-be statisticians out of 1000 were relying completely on what they had heard some other person say, instead of presenting factual figures known to themselves.

This is how rumors are spread. With each presentation, the figure is enlarged until it reaches such fantastic and fanatical aspects that the originator, himself, would call the result a damned lie.

This "stock beef" isn't restricted to the Chest either. The Red Cross, March of Dimes, Green Cross, Cancer, TB and any other of the large independent organizations of this type come in for their share of criticism under this heading.

MERE VENOM SOMETIMES

The spreader of the rumors seems to delight in spouting off some venom which he hopes will find a vulnerable spot with some of his listeners and start a fissure in the unity of the citizens of a certain community. Then too, he probably thinks that he is impressing his listeners with what he thinks is his VAST knowledge of community and civic affairs. He blows himself out of all proportion, and he dislikes to have that ego deflated—even by and through the presentation of facts.

Getting back to our own home town—and to the meat of my purpose in writing these articles—let me give you the figures which I have obtained through our auditor. With the thought in mind that an aevrage of the past six years would be much more substantial than any single year, I requested him to compile figures covering the period from and including the 1942-43 statement to that of 1947-48.

4½% OVERHEAD HERE

During these years, the Community Chest here raised through cash donations and pledges, the sum of $3,845,034.00 and it has spent for Administration Overhead the sum of $162,641.00, or approximately 4½ percent. Let us assume that some of the pledges are not honored. This would then raise the Administration Overhead to approximately 5½ percent.

In other words, 94½ cents of every dollar contributed is used in support of health and welfare work. That is where it was pledged to go. That is where you wanted it to go. And that is where it does go—year after year.

CHEST CUTS OVERHEAD

Compare these figures to those of a period prior to the establishment of the Community Chest. During those days, when an agency went it alone and employed professional campaigners, administration overhead ran much higher,—a low of approximately 15% and a high of approximately 37%. Remember too, it costs no more—under our present federated plan—to administer a two million dollar fund than it costs to administer six hundred thousand. That is where real savings come in.

When, in the future, you hear some self-styled mathematician spout off about the terrific administration overhead of this or that agency, ask him for his figures, get his name, and then come down to our headquarters and get the real facts. Together, we probably can shame him into quoting facts—not fiction.

EHPLOYER - WORKER RELATIONS in the Hickey-Freeman clothing plant in Rochester, N. Y.—where there has been no strike since management recognition of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers-CIO 29 years ago—is the subject of the most recent National Planning Association study on the "causes of industrial peace."—LPA

GOP Chairman Says That "Truman Mis-Deal Has No Honor or Decency"

Republican National Chairman Hugh D. Scott, shortly after being bitterly criticized by a group on the Republican National Committee which almost succeeded in ousting him, spoke at Santa Barbara before the 16th annual convention of the California Republican Assembly.

Scott referred to "the Truman Mis-Deal."

"We are fighting," he asserted, "against forces some of whom observe no rules of fair play, decency or honor.

"Is it too much to expect honesty in the Truman Mis-Deal?

"At all costs we must fight to the last against the plague of creeping Socialism which characterizes many of the Administration's proposals.

"We know what the Administration's methods will be in every instance. It has just one formula: The appropriation of billions of dollars, the creation of new jobs for thousands of tax-eating bureaucrats to boss the people around and get into people's hair by the promulgation of countless rules and regulations and directives and then—when their plans have failed—to come back and ask for more billions to start all over again. We can't stand for that kind of government. We can't afford it."

TEXTILE WORKERS in the New England and Middle Atlantic states have been denied a wage raise by an arbitrator who based his decision on a prophecy of the economic future.—(LPA)

Dunn Warns CLC on Anti-Labor Bills

Assemblyman Frank Dunn Jr., member of Painters Local 127, told the Central Labor Council Monday night that he expects the second half of the Legislature's session, opening March 1, to be one of the longest and toughest in the State's history.

More anti-labor bills than usual have been introduced, he said, many of them produced by the encouragement anti-labor forces felt after putting over Proposition No. 3, the socalled anti-featherbedding measure concerning railroads, in the last election.

The effort of the anti-labor forces, Dunn said, is to wipe out through legislation gains that unions have made over the years through collective bargaining.

The Assemblyman said that he wasn't defending Proposition No. 4, the measure for increasing aged and blind aid, in all its ramifications, but it should be noted that it was being used by reactionary forces as a whipping boy. Many things were being laid at the door of No. 4, he said, which didn't belong there.

He urged all labor people to accept only after careful investigation many of the statements about legislation appearing in the press or coming over the radio. He cited the fact that one dispatch supposed to be quoting Governor Warren said that there are 78,000 public school teachers in California. But according to Dunn, there are apparently only about 58,000.

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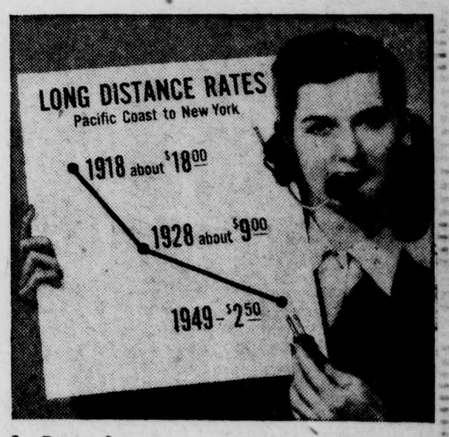
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Wanamaker Clerks Come Over to AFL, Ban Murray's Plan

Retail Clerks Release

LAFAYETTE, Ind.,—An organizing campaign begun last fall among New York department store employes by the Retail Clerks International Association, AFL, gained added momentum this week when 1,900 Wanamaker store employes—members of a right-wing CIO union—came over in a body to the American Federation of Labor through the efforts of the RCIA-AFL.

The successful negotiations with the Wanamaker group were carried on by James A. Suffridge, secretary-treasurer and chief executive of the RCIA-AFL, and assisted by Samuel J. Meyers, international vice president in charge of the New York drive.

The defection of the Wanamaker union from the CIO added to the long score of victories that the RCIA-AFL has achieved over rival and dual unions in the retail sales field. Last August employes of the New York and Brooklyn stores in Oppenheim, Collins & Company, Inc., voted overwhelmingly for the International Association in an NLRB representation election.

They had formerly belonged to a CIO union. Shortly before that election, members of CIO Local 117, of Philadelphia, switched their affiliation to the RCIA-AFL, a story which had been repeated in Detroit, Chicago, Boston and many other cities throughout the country.

PRESS COMMENT

Large New York daily papers played up the defection of the Wanamaker union from the CIO and its affiliation with the RCIA-AFL, saying: "The Congress of Industrial Organizations continued to move in reverse . . . in its drive to enroll department store workers," and the move deprived "the CIO of its last remaining store stronghold in this city."

In keeping with the democratic principles of both the RCIA-AFL and the Wanamaker union, the change in affiliation was effected only after the union's executive board, shop stewards and general membership had fully approved the switch. Paul P. Milling, president of the newly-chartered group, said that "he felt the interests of his membership would be best served through identification with an AFL union of retail store employes."

MURRAY CRITICIZED

He was sharply critical of CIO President Phillip Murray's action in transfering the jurisdiction of retail stores from the now defunct Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (CIO) to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO).

Milling said that 'retail workers belonged in a union of their own, rather than in a union of clothing workers." He pointed out that the action of Wanamaker's New York employes was expected to be a deciding factor in an organizing campaign to bring the 3,000 Philadelphia Wanamaker employes into the RCIA-AFL.

Rehires 1000 Idled

CLEVELAND (LPA)—1000 employes, laid off for more than a month, have been called back by the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad. The company suspended 5500 workers owing to a fall-off in freight business.

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Truman Labor Bill Provisions Listed In Simple Terms

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Here are the main provisions of President Truman's proposed new labor bill now in hearings before the Senate and House Labor Committees.

First of all, the bill would repeal completely the Taft-Hartley act and reenact the Wagner act. Then there are several amendments.

The new act would leave unions free to boycott scab or sweatshop products, as compared with the Taft-Hartley law which prohibited all secondary boycotts for whatever reason and permitted injunctions to stop those boycotts.

The new bill eliminates these provisions of the Taft-Hartley act whcih labor had fought:

1—The non-Communist provision requiring union officers to file affidavits for access to the Labor Board.

2—The ban on the closed shop.

3—State laws banning the closed shop would be wiped out in the area of interstate commerce. The bill states that nothing in "any state law" shall prevent an employer from agreeing to require union membership as a condition of employment. Several states now prohibit such agreements.

4—The ban on union political spending.

5—The rule allowing some employes to refrain from union activities and yet enjoy union achievements.

6—The rule ordering unions to bargain.

7—The powers of the Labor Board's general counsel to have sole charge of the investigating and prosecuting of cases and to seek injunctions in unfair labor practice cases.

8—The ban on strikes by Federal employes.

9—The provision relieving employers of a duty to bargain concerning foremen.

Steps for dealing with "national emergency" strikes affecting the public welfare which differ under the new bill are as follows:

1—The President would issue a proclamation saying the public interest is affected by a dispute, and asking that there be no work stoppage.

2—The President would appoint an emergency board to investigate. Normally, the board would report its findings and recommendations in twenty-five days. The disputants would be asked to refrain from a work stoppage for another five days.

3—The Government would count on acceptance of the emergency board's recommendations. There is no provision in the bill for forcing acceptance, or for a court injunction to block a strike.

Industry Solicitors Are Sought by Red Cross

Red Cross Release

To assist Oakland manufacturing and business concerns throughout the area served by Oakland Chapter, Red Cross, in contributing to the 1949 Red Cross fund, an Advance Gifts Committee has been set up under chairmanship of James A. Wainright, prominent Oakland banker, it was announced today by Walter L. Eggert, 1949 Fund chairman.

Wainright has named as vice-chairmen Ossian E. Carr, securities man, onetime Oakland city manager; Nat Levy, president of the Oakland Park Board; Albert Chapman, real estate man, and R. C. (Rudy) Bitterman, optometrist.

In announcing these leaders to Eggert, Wainright said the committee will seek workers to solicit industrial plants and large concerns for an Advance Gift period beginning February 1 in an attempt to have this portion of the fund drive completed before general solicitation opens in the community March first.

Hearing on Truman Labor Bill Brings Taft In Swinging

WASHINGTON (LPA) — The Democratic leaders of the Senate Labor Committee moved forward into the second week of hearings on the Truman labor bill, moving witness after witness in and out despite bitter wrangling and steady backbiting from the Republican minority.

In the House, meantime, the Truman bill was voted quickly without hearings through a subcommittee of the Labor committee and given to the full group for a debate some time this week.

It was apparent by the end of the first week's hearings—holding morning, afternoon, and night sessions—that the Republican minority, led by Sen. Taft, was arguing and questioning every witness in an informal but nevertheless determined effort to delay the completion of the hearings as long as possible.

Their aim was twofold: to make the Democratic majority go back on its February 10 target date for delivery of the bill to the floor of the Senate and to gather as much ammunition as possible from the witnesses for the coming debate before the full Senate.

"INFORMAL FILIBUSTER"

One night's session of the Labor Committee developed into such bitter and vehement arguing that Sen. Paul Douglas (D., Ill.) openly charged the Republican members with an "nformal filibuster." There was no answer from the Republicans, but their lengthy and caustic questioning of the witnesses continued as before.

Senators Douglas and Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) (who is the gentleman who threw Senator Joe Ball out on his ear in the election) were carrying the ball for the Administration during most of the hearings. Both are qualified labor experts, and with help from Sen. Pepper, an old hand on the committee, and Sen. Murray, who acted as chairman some of the time, they worked with Sen. Thomas, the chairman, in keeping the Republican minority from going to far with their heckling of witnesses.

Sen. Taft saved his most caustic cracks to bait Labor Secretary Tobin on President Truman's assertion in a press conference that he had the inherent powers to deal with so-called "national emergency" strikes without the use of injunctions in a labor bill.

TAFT SHOUTS

Waving his arms and shouting, Taft said such an assertion by President Truman was a threat to the liberty of the American people and he, for one, didn't believe the President had such powers.

Tobin scored in clean fashion during one verbal exchange with Taft when the Senator finally had to admit that when an employer does not renew his union contract and farms out his work, then there is a justifiable secondary boycott.

Then Taft added this interesting statement, "But there are no sweatshops in the United States today with a 40c minimum wage!"

A few minutes later Taft's temper got out of hand and he charged to Tobin that the closed shop will cause "tremendous unemployment" in this country.

T-H A STRIKEBREAKER

Taft had plenty of chance to dig at labor's arguments during the first week but he came off second best with all of them. After Tobin came Cyrus S. Ching, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, and then Paul Herzog, chairman of the five-man National Labor Relations Board. The chief event of Herzog's testimony came when Sen. Wayne Morse (R., Ore.) who has been critical of the Taft-Hartley act even though he is a Republican, asked Herzog whether or not the Taft-Hartley law provisions make it an effective strikebraker. Herzog said that was true.

Other witnesses during the week included Arthur J. Goldberg, CIO general counsel, who spent an entire evening on the witness stand, Joe Bierne, head of the independent Communications Workers of America, and Lewis M. Hermann, secretary-treasurer of the International Labor Press.

MANUFACTURING CORPORATIONS, releasing their year-end profit figures through the first month of the new year, have reported that they enjoyed record earnings in 1948.—(LPA)



BIRTHDAY—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., speaks in Washington at one of the Roosevelt Day Dinners, held throughout the country by Americans for Democratic Action in observance of President FDR's birthday. Unions are urging that January 30 should be made a national holiday as Lincoln and Washington's birthdays are. (LPA)

Out of Every 21 Workers in State, One Was Disabled During Year 1948

Oakland Health Dept.

One out of every 21 workers in California was disabled last year according to an article in the current issue of "California Safety News" by A. C. Blackman, Chief of the Division of Industrial Safety of the State Department of Industrial Relations.

"Our yearly toll runs around a half million industrial injuries, 150,000 disabilities and over 700 deaths," Mr. Blackman reports. "While that is three times better than the record of 30 years ago," he adds, "it is nothing to brag about."

Four industries, woodworking, metal working, food processing, and laundry and cleaning, were responsible for 40% of the half million injuries. All of them have a large number of "point of operation" accidents where workers operate within the danger zone of hazardous machinery.

ALAMEDA CO.

In Alameda County there were 4,635 disabling industrial injuries during the first six months of 1948, of which 12 were fatal.

"Every place of employment should be satisfied only with a 'no lost-time injuries' policy," Mr. Blackman says.

He quotes statewide studies which show that some organizations have completed millions of manhours of perfect records. Included in these are wood working plants, metal shops, laundries, and food processing establishments which have had no point-of-operation casualties.

Modern plants, where machinery is 100% guarded in accordance with safety engineering principles, can operate without accidents and can turn out more material at a given cost, according to the Division of Industrial Safety.

PLANNING NEEDED

The Division points out that industry, which now must assume the cost of occupational injuries and death, can more wisely spend its money on the kind of safety planning and equipment which will eliminate casualties.

Representatives of labor, management and government will meet in Washington in March to draft specific plans for cleaning up our national industrial accident record. Labor-management cooperation for safety and necessary engineering and educational programs will be included in the plan.

"Any machine, regardless of its hazards, can be made safe to operate by proper guarding," Mr. Blackman says.

Regulations for point of operation guarding are being included in new General Industry Safety Orders now being drafted by the Division of Industrial Safety.

Truman's Labor Bill is Approved by AFL

MIAMI, Fla. (LPA)—The AFL is favorably inclined to the Administration's Taft-Hartley repeal bill, but it believes some changes should be made, President William Green declared here at the AFL Executive Council's quarterly meeting.

In advance of an official formulation by the council of its stand on the repeal measure, Green declared that "there seems to be a sympathetic and friendly reaction in the Council to most of the sections offered as amendments to the Wagner Act."

He said the Council "had no serious objections" to retaining a clause for "non-Communist affidavits," or to according employers "the right of free speech so long as it is not coercion, or intimidation." Nor does the AFL oppose filing of financial statements, he said.

One amendment the AFL will want, he said, is a guarantee of the right of skilled workers in an industrial plant to decide for themselves whether or not they want to be carved out as a separate craft.

Also, the council made known its rejection of a CIO proposal for a united front on legislative matters.

"The AFL is willing to meet the CIO for one purpose only, and that is, to establish organic unity on a sound and acceptable basis," he said.

Retail Clerks Settle 2-month Strike in South

Retail Clerks Release

Termination of the two month old strike at the Central Avenue store of S. H. Kress and Company in Los Angeles by a favorable settlement of all disputes between the Company and Retail Clerks Union, Local 777 was announced by Robert W. Gilbert, attorney for the Western Division of the Retail Clerks International Association-AFL.

The striking Kress employes unanimously voted to approve the conditions negotiated with the Company at a special meeting which was addressed by Paul Hansen, general organizer of the Retail Clerks International Association, Attorney Gilbert, Organizer Susan D. Adams, and James H. Anderson, staff member of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council assigned to aid the striking union.

The speakers explained that the result of the negotiations with the Kress Company paved the way for immediate recognition of the AFL Retail Clerks Organization as exclusive bargaining agent for all non-supervisory employes of the Central Avenue store.

First Break in 14 Months' Strike of Chicago Printers

Chicago Typographical 16

First break in the 14-month strike of Typographical Union No. 16 against newspapers of Chicago and adjoining Hammond, Ind., came on Sunday, January 30, when the Hammond Times and the ITU local reached agreement on a separate contract and wage scale.

The agreement guarantees the "greatest measure of union security possible under the Taft-Hartley law" and moreover provides that, when the law is repealed, "any provision of the previous contract . . . excluded from this contract solely because of the restrictions of the law" shall automatically become a part of the new agreement. A wage increase of $12.50 also is incorporated.

STILL OUT IN CHICAGO

The strike continues against dailies comprised in the Chicago Newspaper Publishers Association—McCormick's Chicago Tribune, Hearst's Herald-American, John Knight's Daily News, Ridder's Journal of Commerce, and Marshall Field's Sun-Times. These newspapers, operate under a "unanimous consent" rule which forbids any of them to make an agreement with any labor union unless each and every member corporation gives its assent to each and every clause of the proposed agreement.

The Chicago newspapers, hiding behind a smoke screen of Taft-Hartley legal subterfuges, have insisted on changed working conditions which, in the opinion of Typographical Union officials, would disorganize the printing industry. While constantly proclaiming that "all we want is a legal contract," they have demanded changes in former contracts which would increase their profits by millions of dollars annually and diminish the wages of their employes by the same figure. As to wages, even the best "tentative" offer made by Hearst, McCormick, Knight and their fellow news magnates is several dollars less per week than provided by the new contract with the Hammond Times.

PLANS IN HAMMOND

A Federal Court injunction handed down last March, and a "contempt citation" issued several months later, have not noticeably affected the union printers' fight against the Chicago newspapers.

The Hammond daily, now again fully unionized, has a circulation of less than 40,000, as against the average circulation of more than 500,000 enjoyed by the strike-bound newspapers of Chicago. These figures are, as regards both Hammond and Chicago, far below those which prevailed before the strike.

Now that the Hammond paper is again on the fair list, the Typographical and other unions intend to raise its circulation by intensifying their campaign against Chicago dailies which are still produced behind picket lines. Previously the Chicago papers have done considerable business in the Hammond area.

Labor Union Banks Have $95 Millions in Assets

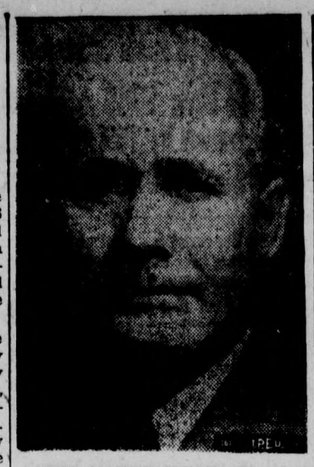
WASHINGTON (LPA)—The four labor banks in the country showed an increase of 0.1 per cent in their combined capital, surplus and undivided earnings at the end of June 1948 over the previous year, the Labor Department reported.

The four are: Amalgamated Trust & Savings Bank in Chicago, the Amalgamated Bank of New York, both established by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers-CIO; the Brotherhood State Bank in Kansas City, of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers; and Union National Bank in Newark, N. J. Assets of the five are $95,156,593.

New Rent Bill Proposed

WASHINGTON (LPA)—A new and drastically strengthened rent control law is proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Francis Myers (D., Pa. and Representative Helen Gahagan Douglas (D., Calif.).

It goes beyond the one proposed by Housing Expediter Tighe Woods, and would give area rent advisory boards only advisory functions. Hearings on these two measures start this week before the House Banking Committee.



NEW NAREB HEAD—Theodore H. Maenner, recently named president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, accepted the post with a declaration that he will do all in his power to fight public housing and rent controls. Maenner, who is from Omaha, Nebraska, managed the campaigns of both Senators from that state—Butler and Wherry—who, of course, are Republicans active in the fight against housing legislation.—(LPA)

Enemies of Labor Spent Over $1,000,000 in '48 California Election

By PAT FRAYNE
West Coast Correspondent for AFL News Service

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — More than $1,000,000 was spent in the recent 1948 state campaign by interests of California "to put labor in its place."

The repeal of the "Full Crew" law, a railway safety measure, was accomplished at the cost of $624,284, according to the official statement of campaign expenditures filed with the California secretary of state this week. The Brotherhoods spent $114,754 in a vain effort to retain the law which had stood for 35 years on the California statute books.

There was no indication, however, of what share of the expenses of railroad executives from many other states was included in the cost of the campaign against the Brotherhoods' interests. The repeal was sought on the slogan of "anti-featherbedding" to reduce the number of brakemen required by the "Full Crew" law. A direct mail appeal was used to reach several million California voters, augmenting the railroad companies' profuse billboard, radio newspaper advertising and speakers bureau campaign.

An official total of $294,772 was spent by various groups to defeat the California State Federation of Labor's campaign for equal representation in the state senate, which does not include the $4,549 spent by California Insurance Federation against both senate reapportionment and old age pensions measures. The state federation listed its expenditures as $277.08 for the senate reapportionment measure. Approximately 99 percent of California's newspapers were editorially opposed to the senate reapportionment measure, making the spurious charge that it was an attempt to gain state control "by radical labor bossism," "a subversive plot." They used a red, white and blue shield with the slogan, "Don't Change Our Form of Government." They even brought in Earl Warren, who is still Governor of California and not U. S. Vice President, to make a final statement against the measure.

Labor also backed a housing initiative measure to meet the dearth of homes in this fast-growing state. The opponents to this needed legislation spent $128,675 to defeat it, with real estate and home building corporations in open opposition to the measure. The housing initiative committee spent $4,107, with most of its help coming from volunteer and labor groups.

The actual total listed with the secretary of state on these three measures by the opponents of labor's program is $1,937.71.

Not Even One Write-in Against John L. Lewis

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Re-election of John L. Lewis as president of the United Mine Workers is no great surprise, but this year's balloting gave him the largest vote he has yet received in his 30 years of office.

Official scoring revealed no write-ins, no opposition, and 286,504 votes for Lewis. As a result of a wage increase given by the 600,000-strong membership he will receive $50,000 a year as president.

Potato Chips Beef Made by Teacher Union

DETROIT (LPA) — The Detroit local of American Federation of Teachers-AFL has been indirectly accused of fostering juvenile delinquency. How? By demanding an investigation of the potato chip situation in the public schools here.

The Teachers union was stirred to action on the subject when the school board rejected a petition signed by 14 school principles asking to be relieved of their responsibilities as potato chip salesmen. Seems it gets pretty messy around the schools when all the kids keep carrying bags of potato chips into the rooms—and seems too that the principals have been continually urged to promote sales of the things.

Dr. Burt Shurly, who initiated the sale of chips in the lunchrooms, thinks they have therapeutic value. "Kids," says Shurly, "are charged with energy like bundles of electricity. If they do not chew something all the time, like potato chips, they cannot get rid of the sparks. They turn to other things like juvenile delinquency. Potato chips indirectly help to reduce juvenile delinquency."

The union is taking its chances on a crime wave and continuing to press for an investigation of the matter.

Cutter Lab Tells Growing Number of Blood Plasma Uses

Cutter Laboratories

Regular paid and free donors are helping to meet the growing demand for human blood plasma which is used in the manufacture of new products.

Because of recent advances in medical science, a pint of blood is more than a pint of blood alone. While some of the blood is still slated for direct transfusions, most of the blood collected becomes plasma—or one of the new products made from human plasma.

Today, a pint of blood may be used to obtain albumin—a drug that may mean the difference between life and death to a child suffering from nephritis, a kidney disease. Only recently, a little girl in San Jose was saved from death by prompt and continued administration of albumin.

CHILDREN'S LIVES SAVED

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DONOR PROGRAMS

Constant research is being conducted at Cutter Laboratories, Berkeley, only commercial manufacturer of these human blood-source products in the world. Two paid blood centers, one in Oakland and one in San Francisco, are maintained by the Laboratories to obtain the blood needed for research and production.

An increasing number of fraternal and other organizations are organizing blood donor programs and are using the funds received by the donors ot help finance such humanitarian projects as supporting orphanages, providing for member welfare and contributing to worthy charities.

Job Barriers Lowering

CHATTANOOGA (LPA) — Employers with large sums of money tied up in plants are beginning to think less about the color of machine operators according to findings of the National Urban League.

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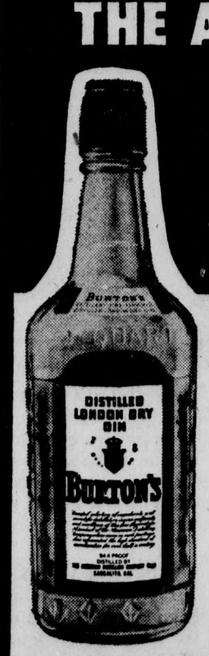
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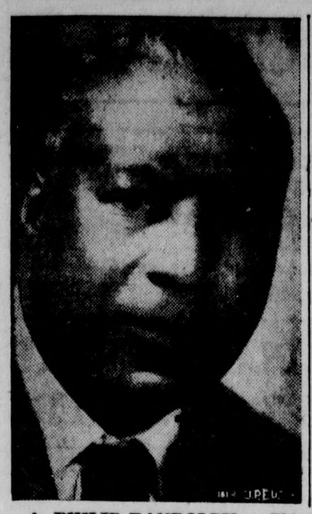
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A. PHILIP RANDOLPH — This AFL leader, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, is key man in the fight against discrimination in the armed forces. Randolph's past successes include organization of the sleeping car porters and leadership in the fight for an FEPC.—(LPA)

Preparations Made For the Jefferson Jackson Demo Fete

Jefferson-Jackson Committee

California will share the national spotlight with Washington, D. C., on February 24, when Vice President Alben W. Barkley addresses a Jefferson-Jackson Victory Dinner in San Francisco, while President Truman speaks before a similar gathering in the nation's capital.

George Killion, chairman of the Northern California Jefferson-Jackson Victory Dinner Committee said the Vice President's visit will highlight probably the "greatest Democratic celebration in the state" since the annual Democratic affairs began.

KILLION'S STATEMENT

"The Vice President," Mr. Killon said, "will join with us at this significant event and will tell what President Truman, the administration, and the Democratic Party hope to achieve for the benefit of our country and the world.

"California's part in the national election helped to swing the tide of victory—a victory that renews our obligation to fight for the continuation of progressive government reflected in the platform of our Democratic Party."

2000 EXPECTED

Mr. Killion, president of the American President Lines and former treasurer of the Democratic National Committee, said he expected more than 2,000 Democrats from Northern California to crowd into the Palace Hotel on February 24 to take part in the Jefferson-Jackson Victory celebration.

He emphasized participation was open to all Democrats in the northern part of the state, and urged all interested party members to contact Jefferson-Jackson Victory Dinner Committee headquarters, Room 214, 593 Market St., San Francisco.



UNIQUE HEADLINES—"Man bites dog" headlines were made when National Planning Association released the fourth in its studies of "causes of industrial peace." Subject matted is the Hickey-Freeman Clothing Co. in Rochester. Here are President Jacob Potofsky of Amalgamated Clothing Workers-CIO, Executive Vice-President Morton J. Baum of Hickey-Freeman, and John Jay Whitney, who put up the funds for the study, after they have revealed its contents to reporters.—(LPA)

State Fed Surveys Bills Introduced in Legislature

State Federation News Service

Prior to the recess taken by the state legislature, the Federation, through its legislative representative, C. J. Haggerty, had prepared and submitted the following bills to the state legislature: (Companion bills are not included because all bills were not available.)

HEALTH BILL

AB 863 (George D. Collins). Provides for prepaid medical care.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BILLS

AB 122 (Maloney). Changes administration of the act for greater efficiency.

AB 163 (Gaffney and Collins). Broadens definition of employment to include all services performed for remuneration.

AB 175 (Dunn). Provides for $40 maximum payments.

AB 176 (Dunn). Eliminates provisions requiring an unemployed applicant to seek work actively on his own account.

AB 177 (Dunn). Eliminates waiting period.

AB 178 (Dunn). Eliminates disqualification of seasonal workers from unemployment benefits.

AB 179 (Dunn). Eliminates double disqualification and reduces disqualification penalties from 8 to 5 weeks.

AB 303 (Morris). Provides for coverage of employes in charitable institutions.

AB 312 (McCollister). Increases weekly benefit amount by $5.00 where claimant has a dependent spouse, and by $2.50 for each of the first four children.

AB 482 (Lewis and Miller). Includes agricultural labor in coverage.

AB 669 (Berry, Gaffney et al). Provides that unpaid wages to employes shall be deemed wages in computing benefits payable.

AB 744 (Collins). Includes employes of housing authorities, etc., in coverage under the act.

AB 745 (George D. Collins et al). Prohibits downgrading of workers.

AB 803 (McMillan). Eliminates domestic exemption from coverage.

AB 805 (McMillan). Repeals merit rating.

AB 806 (McMillan). Eliminates government employes exemption from coverage.

AB 896 (Brady). Makes more specific the procedure of the California Employment Stabilization Commission when making or changing rules or regulations.

UNEMPLOYMENT DISABILITY INSURANCE BILLS

AB 112 (Fletcher). Eliminates the need for an employer's consent for a voluntary disability insurance plan.

AB 115 (Fletcher). Includes pregnancy as a qualification for coverage by disability insurance.

AB 156 (Rosenthal). Repeals voluntary disability insurance plans.

AB 182 (Dunn). Reduces waiting period for disability insurance from 7 to 4 days.

AB 327 (Davis). Permits applicants involved in trade disputes to receive disability insurance benefits if they suffer bona fide illness or injury.

AB 666 (Berry, Gaffney et al). Provides for the obtaining from the Commission of a voluntary disability insurance plan by the majority of the members of a labor organization or a group of labor organizations.

AB 895 (Brady). Repeals section which prohibits a person from receiving disability benefits while receiving regular wages.

AB 898 (Brady). Provides that a person eligible for disability benefits and unemployment benefits in the same benefit year may receive the maximum of both.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION BILLS

AB 123 (Maloney). Would provide for 100 percent payment for permanent disability.

AB 125 (Maloney). Increases maximum payments to $40, and minimum to $15.

AB 126 (Maloney). Increases death benefit to $15,000.

AB 154 (Rosenthal et al). Eliminates seven-day waiting period.

AB 155 (Rosenthal et al). Provides that when a temporary disability becomes permanent, the permanent disability payments may be computed or payable immediately following seven days after the injury.

AB 164 (Gaffney). Provides for reimbursement of reasonable expenses for x-rays and medical reports.

AB 165 (Gaffney). Allows injured workmen free choice of own physician at employers' expense.

AB 166 (Gaffney). Extends to five years an injured employes' right to institute proceedings for the collection of compensation.

AB 169 (Gaffney et al). Compensation recoverable as a result of wilful misconduct on the part of employer is increased to $4500, from the present $2500.

AB 172 (Dunn et al). Would include eye glasses and medical braces of all types under the definition of "injury."

AB 185 (Beck). Provides for reasonable attorney's fees to be added to the compensation award.

AB 186 (Beck). Prohibits deduction of attorneys' fees from the amount due an injured employe as a result of third party suits by the employer alone.

AB 187 (Beck). Provides that employe's attorneys fees determined by court shall be deducted from employer's portion as a result of third party suits by employe alone.

AB 191 (Dills). Provides for the appointment of a medical director and assistants by the Industrial Accident Commission.

AB 230 (Fleury and Moss). Increases the aggregate disability payments for a single injury causing temporary disability to five times, instead of four times, the average annual earnings of the employe.

AB 231 (Fleury and Moss). Establishes $46.16 as the average weekly earnings for a minor, instead of the present $32.61.

AB 258 (Caldecott). Provides for $600 burial fee.

AB 311 (McCollister). Provides for life-time medical treatment.

AB 313 (McCollister). Provides for $5.00 compensation benefits to dependents of injured workmen.

AB 324 (Bennett). With respect to subsequent injuries fund, provides funds received from federal or state governments are not disqualifying unless actually received.

AB 382 (Condon). Extends to three years, from one year, the period in which proceedings may be commenced for the collection of benefits.

AB 413 (Brown). Includes interest on awards.

AB 424 (McCarthy et al). Provides that disability indemnity shall not be deducted from the death benefit, but shall be paid in addition to it.

AB 804 (McMillan). Provides for persons suffering a 70 percent disability to receive maximum benefits for 280 weeks, instead of 240 weeks as at present. Those suffering a 100 percent disability will receive maximum benefits for 400 weeks, instead of 240 as at present.

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

AB 1 (Anderson). Abolishes cross-filing.

AB 106 (Doyle). Provides that every employment agency inform applicant whether a labor contract exists at establishment to which applicant is being sent.

AB 113 (Fletcher). Provides that the public policy of the state favoring collective bargaining is applicable to operations of proprietary public utilities operated by the State or its governmental subdivisions.

AB 114 (Fletcher). Eliminates local inspection and substitutes uniform statewide inspection of slaughter houses, etc.

AB 127 (Maloney). Provides that apprenticeship instructors shall be union journeymen in the crafts which they teach.

AB 257 (Caldecott and Dunn). Provides for members of State Teachers Retirement System the balance of benefits due to surviving spouse, parent or parents, in line with certain qualifications of age, etc.

AB 264 (Thomas). Makes it unlawful to engage any alien subject to deportation under United States immigration laws.

AB 307 (Anderson). Forbids employment of minors under 18 years of age in agriculture, horticulture, viticulture, or domestic labor for more than 8 hours in one day or 48 hours in one week.

AB 665 (Berry et al). Provides for limiting application for renewal of chauffeurs' licenses to physical examination.

AB 667 (Berry, Gaffney and Collins). Provides that suspension of chauffeurs' licenses shall not be governed by same criteria as that which apply to operators' licenses.

AB 668 (Berry, Gaffney et al). Makes it mandatory that a yellow signal precede a red light.

AB 670 (Berry et al). Provides that all stop signs must be illuminated at night by electric light, except where no electric power is available.

AB 1019 (Dickey). Provides for an annual pension to dependent of any deceased member of a county retirement system. At the present time, such pension is paid only when death results from injury in active service.

AB 1020 (Dickey). Establishes 48-hour week for fire fighters.

ANTI-LABOR BILLS

This is a partial list of bad bills. Later measures were not available, but will be covered.

AB 5 (Crichton). Would interfere with coordinated policy of Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Project development.

AB 184 (Evans). Makes it a misdemeanor to be responsible in any way for malicious injuries to railroad property.

AB 190 (Evans). Makes it a misdemeanor to trespass upon railroad equipment.

AB 204 (Sherwin and Lowrey). Prohibits retroactive wages to state civil service employes.

AB 292 (Conrad and Sherwin). Provides for an advisory vote at direct primary elections on measures to be submitted to the electors at the ensuing general elections, etc.

AB 1359 (Levering et al). This is another so-called "anti-featherbedding" bill.

AB 2485 (Reagan and Levering). Repudiates and prohibits mass picketing.

AB 2630 (Butters et al). Introduces the so-called "right-to-work" measure, which would nullify union security, etc.

SB 40 (Williams). Restricts privilege in labor disputes by imposing unnecessary prohibitions already amply supplied by existing law.

SB 75 (Rich). Increases fee to $3.00, from $1.00, for renewal of driver's license.

SB 150 (Dillinger). Provides for the impounding of an automobile for six months for first conviction and 12 months for second, if a person has been refused a license or has his license suspended or revoked, drives a motor vehicle.

SB 186 (Dillinger). Provides for the creation of a mediation panel to participate in any labor dispute and makes recommendations therefor, to be accepted by secret ballot when 70 percent of members of an organization participate and vote to accept.

SB 1066 (Hatfield). Provides for a ban on "hot cargo" and secondary boycotts. This measure seeks to adjust itself to the State Supreme Court decision rendering the old bill invalid, but retains all vicious provisions.

SB 1212 (Burns et al). This bill, which allegedly pretends to be a fair employment practices act, is, in reality, an anti-closed shop measure.

SB 1322 (Judah and Coombs). Defines "unlawful conduct" in labor disputes and restricts procedure therein.

SB 1336 (Watson). This is another "right-to-work" measure, but in reality is an anti-closed shop bill.

SB 1603 (Williams). Prohibits strikes and picket lines in jurisdictional disputes.

ACR 37 (Davis). Requests Attorney General to interfere in court case involving waters flowing into Central Valley.

Urgent Call Made For Fed Political Conference Feb. 26

State Federation News Service

A Statewide conference of delegates from the various affiliated councils for the purpose of activizing the California Labor League for Political Education on a statewide basis, has been called to meet in Fresno February 26 at 10 a.m. in the Hotel Californian. The conference will be held in the ballroom of the hotel.

The call has been sent to the varios Central Labor Councils, Building Trades Councils and to all affiliated miscellaneous councils.

Because of the many pressing problems facing labor on the political field, the importance of attending this conference cannot be stressed too strongly.

ANTI-LABOR ACTIVITY

Evidence that the anti-labor forces are organizing more actively than ever before is becoming clearer each day.

There is no question but what they are formulating a clearly defined program of activity in the coming elections with the aim of preventing labor from attaining its legislative objectives.

Labor cannot afford to wait until this anti-labor program is unfolded and translated into action. To combat it, the forces of labor must be organized and activized in anticipation of this development.

The purpose of the conference will be to organize the statewide Labor League for Political Education. The delegates are requested to come prepared to make whatever suggestions they may have in mind to intensify the activities in their respective territories.

ANTI-LABOR BILLS

Each Council has been requested to send two delegates to this conference.

The Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor will meet subsequent to the statewide conference and take whatever action it will consider advisable and appropriate.

On March 7 the state legislature will reconvene. Already a barrage of anti-labor bills has been thrown into the legislative hopper, which presents a serious challenge to the trade union movement in California. This subject will be among the many that will be discussed by the delegates.

Reds Are Rebuffed

CLEVELAND (LPA)—District 7 of United Electrical Workers-CIO, long considered a pro-Communist stronghold, rebuffed its leadership on the very same issue which defeated James B. Carey as UE president in 1941.

Carey, secretary-treasurer of the CIO, at that time backed a provision barring Communists and Fascists from holding union office. Local 711 in Cleveland adopted just such a resolution recently and was condemned by the district executive board for doing so.

When the full 150-member council, representing all the UE locals in Ohio, met, it reversed the decision of the 17-man executive board and ruled that Local 711 or any other local may pass such a provision. Observers have called the council vote significant as representing a break for anti-Communist forces in UE.

Boke Sticks to His Job Without Pay, Annoying Senator Downey

Richard L. Boke, regional director of the U. S. Reclamation Bureau, stationed at Sacramento, announces he's staying on the job. His pay stopped January 31 under a law passed by the 80th Congress.

It disqualified Boke and Reclamation Commissioner Michael Straus because they are not engineers.

The new Congress is considering legsilation which would make it possible for both to continue and Boke said he has received this information in a letter from Interior Secertary J. A. Krug:

"You have been advised by the chief counsel of the Bureau of Reclamation, I am informed, that the proviso does not disqualify you from exercising, after January 31, 1949, the authority vested in you by law—that, in other words, its only effect is to prohibit the payment of your salaries and expenses from appropriations made for the Bureau of Reclamation in the act in which it appears. You also know that this department is seeking to have this proviso repealed.

"In view of these facts I earnestly request both of you to remain after January 31 in your respective offices . . . and to exercise all the authority that has been and is lawfully vested in you."

On a visit to Sacramento U. S. Sen. Sheridan Downey, a critic of both Straus and Boke, said it was his opinion an individual not on the Federal payroll can not act as a Federal official.

(Editor's Note: Senator Downey is sore at Boke and Straus because they've stuck with the small farmers in the Central Valley Project instead of going along with the big boys the way Downey has. Downey is all for removing the 160-acre limitation written in the law. If that were removed, the big boys could win absolute control of the Central Valley.)

Shorter Hours, Fewer Ill

WASHINGTON (LPA)—A U. S. Public Health survey offers argument to management theory that workers should work longer hours.

Evidence that longer working employes suffer higher sickness rates than those working shorter hours was offered from statistics taken of 2000 Baltimore war plant employes.

Labor Paper Claims Knowland Works Under Cover For Taft

Beach Cities Labor Journal

America's minority groups are again being used as a scape goat and tool of a reactionary attempt to wreck the broad "Fair Deal" program.

Senator Wm. F. Knowland of California posed as a "young Turk" in the so-called rebellion against the Taft Republican leadership in the Senate. Later the "Turk" turned out just to be a "sheep" completely subservient to Taft's hypocritical orders.

The tactic is to get Southern Democrats and Northern Democrats fighting among themselves before they get to important legislation such as repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act, extension of Social Security and Aid to Education which helps everyone of all races and religions. Knowland, under Taft's direction, is leading a drive in the Senate to get a first class fight started over a rule change to prevent filibusters.

The AFL opposes filibusters, but when Taft says "unless the matter is taken up at this time, I don't see how the President can hope for enactment of any part of a Civil Rights Program" we know that he has his tongue in his cheek.

Sunpapers Vote Union

BALTIMORE (LPA)—In a hard-fought NLRB election, the American Newspaper Guild-CIO finally won bargaining rights for editorial employers on the Baltimore Sun. The vote was 141 for the Guild and 52 for no union.

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EDITORIAL AND FEATURE PAGE OF THE EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL

MUST WE DEPORT CITIZENS? Dave Beck: "Commies Should be Forced To Get Out and Go Where They Belong"

Dave Beck, executive vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, is a member of the University of Washington's Board of Regents. The Washington Teamster, Beck's paper, points out that the Board of Regents recently fired three professors and put three other professors on a two-year probationary period.

The three who were fired were accused of past or present affiliation with the Communist Party, and the ones put on probation were accused of "participation in Commie-dominated affiliations," as the Washington Teamster puts it.

The Beck paper then quotes Beck as saying:

"There is no place in our schools or universities for Communists. Or in America! Though they do not want to go to Russia to live, they prefer the Russian way of life. They should be forced to get out and go where they belong."

If these words of Beck as reported in his own paper are to be taken at their face value, they mean that an American citizen should, if he is a Communist be deported to Russia.

Charitably let it be assumed that if this were called to Brother Beck's attention, he would, as did the late Wendell Willkie when his attention was called to something extravagant he had said, toss it aside with the remark that the statement was "just campaign oratory."

Strangely enough, in the Beck paper a few sentences farther on, he is quoted as saying: "We in America must meet our problems through the democratic methods." That sentence won't jibe with the earlier one. Maybe it was "just campaign oratory" too!

Let's get it nailed down good and tight that whether Brother Beck seriously meant that extraordinary statement or not, the American tradition is too strong to make it even remotely probable that American citizens are going to be deported to a foreign country for their political beliefs. Moreover, we believe that the American democratic tradition is too strong for any great number of men who hold such responsible positions as Beck does to make such a statement at all.

Dr. Raymond B. Allen, president of the University of Washington, made a much more responsible statement than did his Regent Beck. Some attention should be paid to Dr. Allen's argument. He said:

"Membership in the Communist Party imposes a discipline which would inhibit a teacher from objectively analyzing facts and coming to an honest conclusion based on that examination."

Scientists in Russia have been "liquidated" who dared to stick up for theories of genetics held by scientists all over the world. No wonder President Allen doubts if a professor who holds to the Communist line could examine facts objectively.

But we all know that there are several religious creeds held by some professors in universities which commit the holder to cetain prejudgments which, it might be argued, would prevent him from making free decisions on evidence gathered by research. So if the Communist creed prevents a scientist from being completely free and objective in his approach, how about these other creeds? An embarrassing question but one we must face if we are fair.

Dr. T. V. Smith, a distinguished educator often heard by radio, said while in the Bay Area recently that the University of Washington professors "had an exceedingly fair trial—absolutely due process of their legal rights."

But Dr. Smith lacks Dave Beck's confidence as to just what fundamental policy we should follow in this delicate matter.

"I'm an experimentalist," he told a press conference. "I'd like to see all the States go at it in their own ways. Then we might formulate a national policy on Communism."

In our own opinion, we should still be experimentalists. We must realize that most Americans approach the subject with a dogma in their minds long prevalent in this country, the dogma that if we let people speak and think freely, it is good for all of us, even if some people speak and think what to us seem foolish or harmful things. Also, we must now realize that many Americans feel fear in the presence of Communism as a dangerous conspiracy rather than a philosophical system.

Between that dogma of freedom and that fear of conspiracy we must steer our delicate and perilous experimental way. Both dogma and fear must be examined carefully—dogma, lest it be too rigid; and fear, lest it be too violent, and lead us to advocate such a fantastic course as that advocated by Washington University Regent Dave Beck.

MR. HOOVER AND 2 CRAZYQUILTS

Ex-President Hoover's appeal to organized labor is among the more mild phenomena of our time. Few labor men are handicapped in their work by weariness brought on through sitting up late at night poring over the words of wisdom of the Great Engineer.

Nevertheless, there is a double lesson in the work Mr. Hoover is now doing with the blessing of Mr. Truman in studying methods of reorganizing the executive branch of the Federal Government.

The first lesson is that Americans of widely differing political attitudes can work together to remedy a tangle that is causing increasing trouble to us all, the tangle of Federal agencies and functions.

The second lesson is that in the structure of organized labor we have developed the same kind of crazyquilt that has been developed in our Federal Government. Our labor crazyquilt has been developed, too, for the same reasons that the Federal Government one was—because of the pulling and hauling and grabbing and maneuvering that has been going on incessantly.

At this very moment, there are ominous signs of great jurisdictional warfare on the verge of breaking out. We can't get Mr. Hoover to come in and form a commission to advise us on this problem. We wouldn't trust him on that job. And that's just it—we don't trust anybody. So we'll go on crazyquilting.

But some day. . . .

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FRIEND AND FOE
In Radio and Press

SENATOR KNOWLAND said, according to the Associated Press report of the battle over the filibuster:

"I want the Senate to stand up and be counted on this question."

That's a fine statement, if it's from the heart, and not part of a scheme by Republican Senators to get Democratic Senators to fighting among themselves and thus delay the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law and the passage of Fair Deal legislation.

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DOWNEY'S BIG HEART DOES SOME BLEEDING

Senator Downey at the recent hearing held in Richmond on possibly serious water shortage said that the emerging water shortage condition in Contra Costa, Alameda, and Santa Clara counties is "potentially hazardous."

Thanks, Senator! Too bad you couldn't have considered the more than "potentially hazardous" water shortage and land shortage for small farmers in the Central Valley. We appreciate your interest in our problem here, but would appreciate it if you'd disentangle yourself from the big-farmer big-bank interests which admire you for your efforts to break down the 160-acre limitation in the Central Valley Project.

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THE MORE WE GIVE, THE MORE WE HAVE!

Marion Hedges, who for years was research man for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, but is now with the European Recovery Program, told a management group recently:

"We should understand that when we export commodities to Europe we have fewer commodities at home, but when we export democracy to Europe we have more democracy at home."

Try and beat that one for epigrammatic neatness. It tells the whole story of why organized labor in this country is cooperating with free trade unions in Europe in the mighty task of recovery from war and the bulwarking of free institutions against totalitarianism.

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THE A. LINCOLN TEST FOR LIBERAL POLICY

A Mr. Long, whose initials we unfortunately have mislaid, has written a book on the liberal tradition in the American Presidency. Mr. Long's fundamental test of liberalism is whether a President would obey the advice of Lincoln:

"The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present . . . We must disenthrall ourselves and then we shall save our country."

And right now we need to be reminded that a President can't do it alone. We've got a President who is carrying out Lincoln's advice. But unless throughout the country, at the often mentioned grass roots, in labor unions, in farmers' organizations, in business groups, there are people who are also disenthralling themselves, the President can't by himself "save our country."

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OUR NATION CALLED PROW OF THE WORLD

Inspired by the late President Roosevelt's visit to South America in 1936, a beautiful book containing 200 parchment pages on which the leading figures of all the American republics have placed their autographs, is being presented to the Pan American Union at Washington. The introduction to the United States section, one of the few English texts in the book, is a translation of a poem by Tomas Lago of Chile, in which this country is saluted as:

"Country—continent, center of dynamism, pride of democracy, flower of industry, grandeur of steel and cement, prow of the world."

If you think over each one of those phrases, not merely letting the words slide through your head, you find that they really mean a good deal, and give us a lot to live up to!

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WHAT DO WE BUY IF WE GET MORE WAGES?

Philip Murray, summarizing CIO objectives recently, said they included "putting pictures on the walls, carpets on the floor, music in the home, providing opportunity for greater cultural attainments, better homes and greater security."

One of the tragedies of trade unionism is that after a union has made it possible for workers and their families to attain these things, only too often the words of Professor R. G. Ross of New York University are true: Workers . . . are drenched in the products of our commercial culture, radio, cinema, slick and pulp magazines, detective stories, cheap popular novels. Their background is inadequate to keep them from the intellectual corruption and the degeneration of values that permeates commercial culture."

COMING DOWN?

As a result of her snobbish attitude toward servants, a dowager had experienced difficulty in keeping sufficient help in her home. The other day, interviewing a prospective maid, she said: "If you're accepted, I don't want you to be like some of the others—jealous of my wealth and position, resentful and envious because they have to look up to me."

I'm not like that," said the applicant gently. "I've often looked up at flagpole sitters, but never with envy."

Apt: "Mrs. Smith had triplets and two weeks later she had twins."

Rapt: "Thats' impossible. How did it happen?"

Apt: "Well, one of the triplets got lost."

"OPERATION DEMOCRACY"



BAKERS UNION LAUNCHES LIVE MONTHLY JOURNAL

The Bakery & Confectionery Workers Journal, formerly published as a small sheet coming out several times a month, has now been transformed into a large and handsome monthly. The first issue carried a statement headed "Your Journal, Your Union and You," by International President Herman Winter. We reprint it here as an article of interest to all concerned with the development of a better labor press:

Nothing is more essential to a progressive cause than the written message. Through the printed word information and guidance can be spread in times of crises, unity can be promoted and courage bolstered through inspiration. George Washington undoubtedly was the great leader of the American Revolution, but had it not been for the stimulating messages of Thomas Paine, who explained why the colonists must win, it is doubtful if the Father of our Country would have had armies to command.

FOR FUTURE ACHIEVEMENTS

Your International Officers are proud of the birth of the new Bakery & Confectionery Workers' Journal. It represents in itself a great achievement for our International. But, more important, it paves the path for greater achievements in the future.

The Journal gives your International a voice, a means of making your feelings and wishes and hopes heard. Because we have insisted on producing a magazine of the highest standards, it will increase the stature of our union in the nation's eyes. We will continue to exert every effort toward improving the Journal so that it may take a rightful place among the leaders of labor publications.

Each month, the new, 32-page Journal will bring into your homes up-to-the-minute reports on the progress of our organization. You should follow these accounts of your International's activities closely, for what benefits your union, benefits you.

In addition to articles on our International's activities and other trade union subjects, the new magazine will present features of general interest to members and their families. Such departmental features as the women's household section and the children's page will give the Journal a broader appeal to more readers and thereby promote interest in unionism in the home of your families and the families of your neighbors.

The value of strong, modernized labor publications was proved dramatically in the recent elections. While the business-controlled, so-called "free press" was feeding the American voters a distorted view of the campaign's progress, the labor press kept workers informed of the true facts in the momentous political battle. As a result, union members were not misled by the daily newspapers' hired propagandists—the pollsters, the analysts and the "experts."

WILL MAINTAIN VIGIL

An alert labor press will continue to protect the nation's workers against the misrepresentations of the daily press. Our Journal is dedicated to an active role in that vigil over the workers' rights.

With a bigger and better Journal, we will be able to progress further toward our goals by stimulating organizational activity, providing more enlightenment on vital issues, assisting members in official union matters, stressing the importance of promoting our label.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Your General Executive Board has devoted considerable planning toward this new endeavor. We feel we have laid the cornerstone for a monumental enterprise. But, the job cannot be completed without your help.

We want your suggestions and your criticisms. We need your help in assembling news from the Locals and District Councils. This type of news is important; it makes it possible for our members in California to know what our members in Maine are accomplishing. Thus, workers in various sections of the continent can benefit from the success or mistakes of their fellow members in another area.

With these thoughts, your new magazine is presented. It is dedicated to the proposition of winning a better living and better working conditions for bakery and confectionery workers. It is opposed unalterably to theories and ideologies which threaten the basic principles of free enterprise which have made our nation great.

Its philosophy is simple: When a cause is just and everyone plays the game of living fairly, nobody can lose.

TRUMAN IS PROMPT ABOUT CVP

Washington Post

One of the first special messages the President sent to Congress was a short one urging repeal of the so-called "Straus-Boke rider" to the current Interior Department Appropriation Act. The prominence which the President has given this particular item indicates his concern for sure-footed and courageous administration of the Nation's reclamation law. By acting as promptly to repeal the rider, Congress can show itself not less devoted to the development of Western agriculture in line with the country's best interests and long-time policy.

It will be remembered that last June Congress decreed that no Interior Department funds could be used after January 31, 1949, to pay the salaries of a commissioner of reclamation, an assistant commissioner, or a regional director who did not possess five years of engineering and administrative experience. No names were named, but the provision was aimed directly at Commissioner Michael W. Straus and Regional Director Richard L. Boke. Their offense was that they were advancing power distribution and irrigation in the rich Central Valley of California according to the letter and spirit of the reclamation law instead of according to the wishes of the power and corporate-farming interests of that region.

The proviso was carefully drawn to get around the constitutional prohibition on bills of attainder while accomplishing the same end. Since the jobs of Straus and Boke are primarily administrative, engineering training and experience are totally beside the point. In fact, one of Mr. Straus' predecessors, John Powell Davis, was fired back in 1923 on the precise ground that he was an engineer rather than an administrator. The President's request has been referred to the House Committee on Appropriations. We hope that it will move toward rectifying the last session's egregious misdemeanor with the speed that other committees are attaining in handling emergency legislation.

EDUCATION AND THE WORKERS

RALPH GILBERT ROSS
The New Leader: Liberal Weekly

There is no such thing as workers' education, if that be regarded as a kind of education. There is only education, or training, or indoctrination. Workers, like others, need training both for their jobs and for union participation; but, again like others, they need education even more. Education in the broad sense is the transmission of culture; in the narrow sense of formal teaching, it is learning to think, to come to conclusions independently and by rational process, to use and enjoy the objects of our cultural heritage.

Education in the United States under the conditions of our day yields great competitive advantages to its possessors. Workers, despite their high average of literacy, possess comparatively little formal education and are seldom motivated to acquire more. They are drenched in the products of our commercial culture: radio, cinema, slick and pulp magazines, detective stories, cheap popular novels. Their background is inadequate to keep them from the intellectual corruption and the degeneration of values that permeates commercial culture. It is a matter of the utmost importance to the moral health of our society and to the development of the individual worker that education be made readily available to him.

WOMEN *in this World*

By EDITH McCONN

GAMBLING—what are we going to do about gambling? This is a problem that besets many women. As many women know to their sorrow, there are quite a few men who are otherwise good husbands and fathers, who are afflicted with this urge to gamble as other men are afflicted with the urge to drink.

At long last, the public has come to realize that alcoholism is not a crime nor a sin but a disease. At long last we are beginning to do something about it as a disease.

But what about gambling? As with drinking, there are many people who can "take it or leave it alone." There are many people who can play cards for small stakes or make small bets, and if they lose—or win—are not immediately seized with the urge to put up more money.

These people are not the problem, except as with some occasional drinkers, the habit may grow upon them until it is an obsession.

But what about the men—and sometimes the women—who will drop an entire paycheck on the way home from work? What about the ones who are finally driven to larceny or embezzlement to meet their gambling debts?

Almost any day your local paper will tell about "gambling raids." There is much discussion as to whether we should or should not have race tracks. And of course, we all know that many, if not most of the gambling set-ups are not honest, even within the bounds of gambling. They are rigged so that the gambler always loses in the end.

The confirmed gambler, like the confirmed drinker, is a person with some sort of a neurosis or psychosis, or what we loosely call a "complex." Is he curable?

That is a question our psychiatrists wil have to answer. In the meantime, we the people, we the voters, we the citizens, are daily called upon to deal with this problem.

Are we really dealing with it? Unless we have the problem personally how many of us give it a second thought? We take it for granted that the police will deal with it.

Merely cleaning up a few "gambling dens" which is about all the police are at present able to do, is merely skimming the surface. It is not getting at the root of the matter.

Women have proved themselves very practical when they have engaged in civic activities. Here is an activity in which clubs, unions and women's auxiliaries should participate.

Women, moreover, should do more than demand law enforcement. They should use whatever facilities they can find to throw light on the whole problem. They should find out the cause, and if possible the cure, of this disease which seems to be spreading. Treating the symptoms is an outmoded method of dealing with such problems as this.

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Chores for Children Served Useful Purpose—Now What?

Time was, not so many decades ago, when "chores" occupied a lot of the spare time of school children. When there were no mechanical gadgets to help mother get through her work she had to depend on little hands to help her. Fairly small girls came home from school and helped iron, peel potatoes, wash dishes and do other jobs around the house. On Saturdays sweeping and dusting—the hard way, with no vacuum cleaner!—was the order of the day.

Boys got up wood and coal for the fires, cleaned the yard, mowed the lawn and were kept busy in a number of ways. Thus, "Satan" did not find so many things "for idle hands to do."

Times have changed, however. We have fewer children and fewer chores for them to do. Thus, for instance, the recreation chairmen of our 16th and 26th District P.-T.A. recently held an all day session discussing ways and means of finding occupation for these small hands and minds.

A panel consisting of Recreation Supervisors Robert Crawford of Oakland, Charles Davis of Berkeley and Iyan Hill of Richmond emphasized the fact that the problem was more than merely a problem of providing playgrounds.

"Determine your present resources," they told this group, "define your needs, and get co-operation from other groups."

That sounds simple, but it really involves a great deal of detailed work by the devoted members of the P.-T.A. What are our resources? A city has many, but our children and their parents must be made aware of them. What are our needs? They are endless, where young people are concerned.

But the P.-T.A. is one organization which does not begrudge its labor in this important cause. They deserve, if any organization does, the complete cooperation of all our local organizations. Our unions, our auxiliaries, other groups to which we belong should remember the great work which the P.-T.A. does, and give unstintingly of our labor when they ask it.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

"Children," the teacher questioned, "who can tell me something about America's foreign relations at the present time?"

Tommy, son of a well-known radio news-commentator, held up his hand, and was recognized.

"They're all broke," he succinctly reported.

HIS JURISDICTION

Auntie: "Do you ever play with bad little boys, Willie?"

Willie: "Yes, Auntie."

Auntie: "Why don't you play with good little boys?"

Willie: "Their mothers won't let me."

Smoke-filled Rooms and Minds

By JOHN J. SWATTEM

Yearly growing more grim and gaunt
In the rooms filled with smokes.
The Republicans know what they want,
But don't dare tell the folks!

DIXIECRATS, PLUTOCRATS ARE BOTH BIG BOOSTERS OF STATES RIGHTS IDEA

Mark Ethridge, publisher of the Louisville Courier Journal and a noted liberal Democrat, recently in the New York Times analyzed two sets of State Righters, the Dixiecrats and the GOP reactionaries. Here's what he says about the GOP States Righters:

The Dixiecrats want to be let alone to handle lynchings, poll taxes and grandfather clauses and other suffrage-restricting measures in their own way. They want to discriminate in handing out Federal aid grants for education, health and other social measures in whatever degree they like. They would, in effect, break a national conscience down to forty-eight state consciences.

The states' rights element of the Republican party is not so much concerned with poll taxes and lynchings and such trivia; its aspirations lie more in the economic field. It was that element which got into the Republican platform the demand that inheritance taxes be left to the states; which demanded that Congress make the states' claims to tideland oils secure. It is that element which has been trying to break down grazing and timbering in legislating out two Federal officials who have opposed abandoning a historic irrigation and homesteading policy.

"RIGHTS RUN RIOT"

It was that element (not alone in the Republican party, but primarily there) which defeated the $4,000,000 appropriation for a New Johnsonville steam plant in the Tennessee Valley and now demands that electric power be sold wholesale to utilities at the source, that is, at the dams which all of us finance. It is that element which would put an end to such projects as TVA as long as they are centralized in authority and as long as they are not under regional compacts of states.

All those things are states' rights run riot. A good many sincere men advocate some of these things. But there are a good many cynical men in both the Democratic and Republican parties who know, when they talk about states' rights, that it is easier to pressure a state Government than the Federal Government; that it is easier to repeal a state inheritance tax and substitute a sales tax than to enact a Federal sales tax. The oil men know that it is easier to get the sort of oil-field exploitation they want from state political machines than from the Secretary of the Interior.

Oil creates more bipartisans than anything except utilities. Oil ran through the Republican platform; it tainted the Democratic platform because of its omission, a deliberate omission following a fight in the platform committee. And, when the roll of Dixiecrat contributors is called up yonder in Washington, it will surprise nobody if a great number represent oil interests in California, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

"48 ECONOMIES"

The economic states' righters would dissolve the national economy into forty-eight economies. They are already talking about "restoring their historic rights to the states." They want not the status quo but the status quo ante Roosevelt. As between the Dixiecrats and the states' righters of the Republican party, one group is as demoralizing to a national policy as the other. One wants to turn the clock back on progress that has been made in expanding our freedom. The other wants to turn the clock back on progress toward becoming a nation with a sense of world responsibility. It wants to exploit, without regard to national policy or national emergency, natural assets that belong to all of us. Not free enterprise on a national scale, not states' rights for legitimate purposes, but a capital subsidy of national assets which the nation must, for its own protection, keep in its own hands, is what they are looking for.

"NATIONAL INTEREST FIRST"

Of course, in any resolution of these questions, the national interest must come first. The Dixiecrats will have to subordinate their demand that they have the right to deny civil rights to Americans to the fact that we have promised peoples all over the world an expansion of their civil rights. The economic states' righters will have to subordinate their demands to the recollection on the part of all of us that it was not the operation of so-called free enterprise but the blessed happenstance of government development of Bonneville and TVA which placed us in possession of a weapon for war and at the moment, perhaps, an instrument for peace.

Furthermore, they should understand that in any emergency, we will have to take over all oil, not merely the tidelands, and all profits perhaps, not merely parts of inheritances. The tragic attitudes which underlie the demands that the national will should be dissolved into local autonomy must be recognized and dealt with in any approach to the solution of our dilemma.

TOBIN DISCLAIMS "BAND WAGON"

Dan Tobin: International Teamster

I am not entirely happy—perhaps I am wrong, it could be—about the lack of interest apparently now being demonstrated by the men of labor in the continuation of Labor's Educational League. Oh yes, you are going to tell me, "well what are you trying to do, Tobin, climb on the band wagon?" My answer to that is "No." I have always been on the band wagon and I never got off but some times I am more enthusiastic than at other times. I keep on repeating, and I am somewhat ashamed to do so, that the political arena can give me nothing. I feel that I am a bigger man, having the respect and the confidence of you, my members, who read this journal, than I could be in any job in Washington.

Don't misinterpret that statement. I have no swelled head and I hope that the unseen power that has made me what I am will understand me. To represent a million Teamsters, which is our membership for December, is quite an honor and I know that for 41 years no one has ever been a candidate against me. Perhaps they did not want the job. I want you to believe me when I say to you that I consider your respect and your confidence in me, even though I have to sometimes disagree with you, the greatest honor that a poor, hard-working Teamster can obtain.

I hate intrigue because it is so vulgarly untrue.—O. E. Rolvaag.

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